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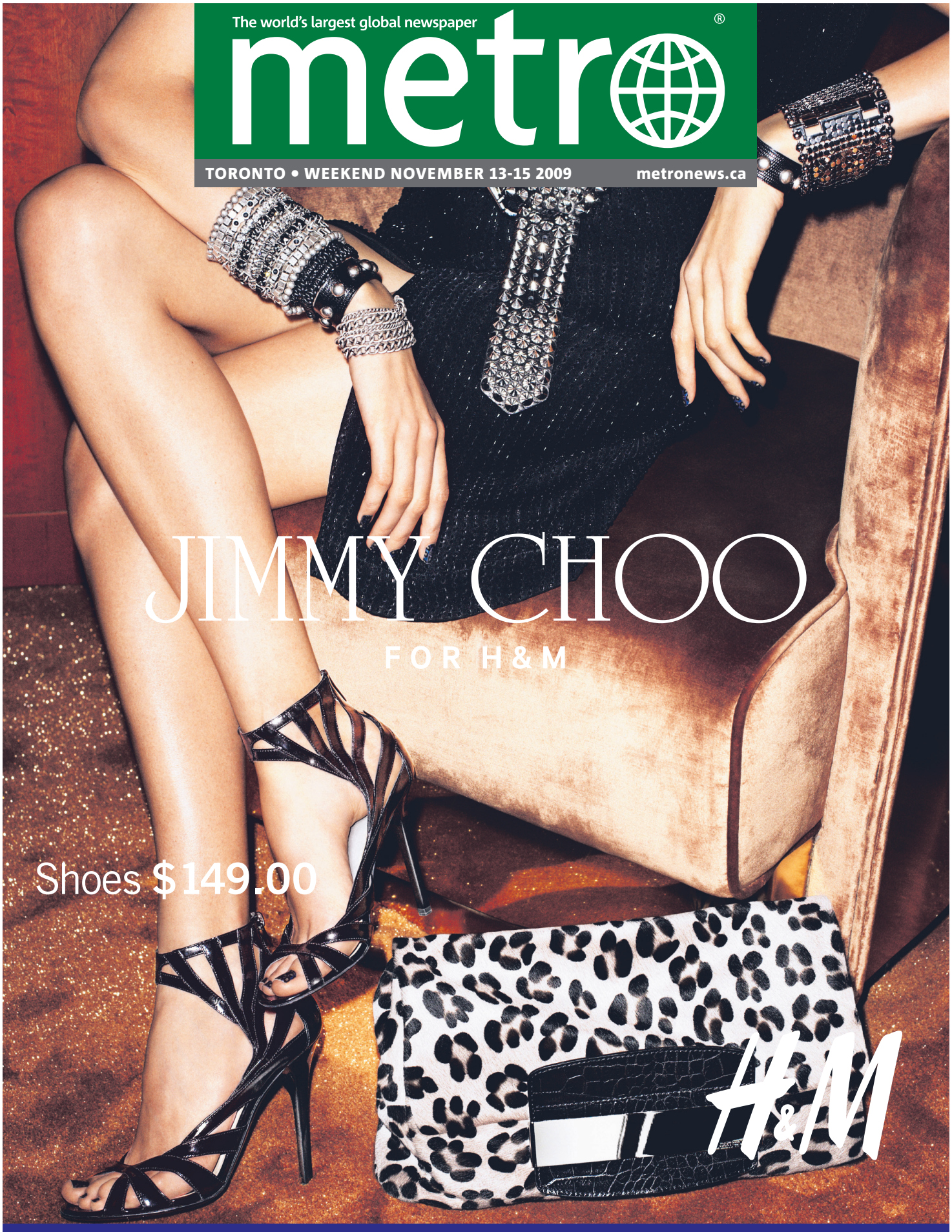

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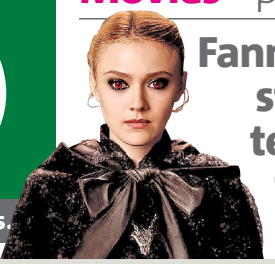

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Dog lost in Afghan battle found

REUNION A bomb-sniffing dog that disappeared during a fierce battle in Afghanistan between Australian troops and militant fighters in September 2008 has been found and returned to its unit after more than a year.

There was no sign of Sabi the black labrador after the battle, and months of searching failed to find any sign of the retriever — until now. Defence officials said Thursday that a U.S. soldier recovered Sabi at an isolated patrol base in Uruzgan province.

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Sabi

Italy 'Body' Jeans launch

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Actress Eva Mendes attends the launch of Calvin Klein 'Body' Jeans Thursday at a Calvin Klein boutique in Milan, Italy.

Spare change

Coffee, newspapers, fast food on HST exemption list

Buying a morning coffee or a newspaper won't cost an extra eight per cent when Ontario merges its provincial sales tax with the federal GST next July, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan announced Thursday.

Printed newspapers and certain prepared foods and beverages sold for less than $4 have been added to a list of exemptions from tax harmonization, Duncan said.

"But it's important for Ontarians to know that today's announcement is about far more than not raising coffee prices," he said at a Tim Hortons outlet in west Toronto.

"It's part of a much larger, comprehensive tax package that will create jobs."

591,000 The McGuinty government is leaning on a report by tax expert Jack Mintz in selling the blended tax. The report said tax harmonization combined with corporate and income tax cuts will help create an estimated 591,000 new jobs in the province over 10 years.

Books, children's clothing and footwear, diapers, car and booster seats, and feminine hygiene products will also be exempt from Ontario's eight per cent portion of the blended sales tax when it takes effect next July.

By keeping newspapers and cheap food and drinks off the list, the government is giving up $325 million a year that it otherwise would have collected as revenue, Duncan said.

Opposition parties have labelled harmonization a massive tax grab because it will increase the cost of many items, such as gas and home heating fuel, that were previously exempt from the provincial levy.

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'Balloon boy' kin to plead guilty

The parents accused of pulling a spectacular hoax by reporting that their six-year-old son had floated away aboard a helium balloon have agreed to plead guilty in a deal that could send them both to jail but protect the wife from deportation.

Richard Heene will plead guilty to attempting to influence a public servant, a felony, said his attorney, David Lane. Heene's wife, Mayumi, a Japanese citizen who could be deported if convicted of more serious charges, will plead guilty to a lesser charge of false reporting to authorities, a misdemeanour.

Lane said the threat of deportation "fuelled" negotiations with prosecutors. An attorney for Mayumi Heene said her immigration status was a factor in reaching the deal but would not comment further.

Prosecutors announced criminal charges against the couple Thursday. A spokeswoman for the Larimer County district attorney's office would not discuss whether a plea agreement had been reached.

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Falcon Heene, 6, is shown with his father, Richard, outside the family's home in Fort Collins, Colo., last month.

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'Rink rats' charged with theft

Five Ajax "rink rats" have been charged with theft after a hockey bag full of gear was stolen from a car outside of a community centre Oct. 26 when a father and son went into the centre to check a hockey schedule, said Durham Sgt. Nancy van Rooy. The bag included a custom goalie mask signed by Hall of Fame player Johnny Bower, left. Five teens, who were known at the centre, were caught on video fleeing on foot with the bag. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Vet plates 'misleading:' Critics

Only $2.25 of $77.75 charge will be donated to military family fund

It's "offensive" and "misleading" for the Ontario government to promise to donate a portion of the sale price from new Support our Troops licence plates to help military families and then give only a tiny fraction to charity, opposition critics charged Thursday.

The province unveiled the yellow ribbon plates to honour Canadian troops on Remembrance Day, billing them as "a fitting tribute to the heroism of those who served in our armed forces."

"It's misleading at best to have people making a purchase of that nature thinking it's going to help the military and their families when indeed it's helping to fill the government's coffers." Bob Runciman

However, the opposition parties were surprised to learn only $2.25 from each set of plates costing $77.75 will go to the Canadian Forces Personnel Assistance Fund, which provides financial help to current and former members of the military and their immediate families.

"It's misleading at best to have people making a purchase of that nature thinking it's going to help the military and their families when indeed it's helping to fill the government's coffers," said Progressive Conservative critic Bob Runciman.

Runciman said the government had very carefully chosen Remembrance Day to announce the new Support our Troops plates, a time when Canadians' are feeling very strong emotions about the role the military plays.

Government Services Minister Harinder Takhar defended the new Yellow Ribbon program, and said the licence plates are about honouring the troops and raising awareness, not about fundraising.

"I don't know why the fundraising issue has taken over the recognition issue and the awareness issue," Takhar said.

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'You're not getting away with this'

A would-be thief brandishing a gun likely wasn't counting on an 84-year-old veteran and a fellow member of his Toronto legion putting up a fight when he tried to make off with their poppy money.

But police say that's what happened Thursday when a man walked into a Royal Canadian Legion in the city's east end as members were counting the money from this year's poppy drive.

They refused to give up the cash and instead chased the suspect and tackled him.

However, they were unable to stop him from getting away.

John Dietsch, the 84-year-old Second World War veteran, says he thought of the veterans who served in the military — and the time they spent selling poppies — when he stood up to the man.

"I thought 'You're not getting away with this,'" Dietsch said.

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Second World War Royal Canadian Navy vet John Dietsch, right, fended off an armed robbery attempt by a gunman entering the Legion building on 2 Robinson Ave. The gunman wanted to steal poppy collection money and was fended off. His friend Earl Gray, left, helped out.

"He didn't get any money."

Dietsch was joined by legion member Earl Gray, 64, who said he didn't really think about what he was doing when he went after the man with the gun.

"I just went blank, I guess, and it unfolded and what happened, happened," Gray said.

"I guess you don't think when these things happen."

Police say they have a description of the suspect.

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No restrictions for man with sexsomnia

RULING A Toronto man found not criminally responsible for sexually assaulting a woman because he was asleep will not face any long-term restrictions on his freedom.

The Ontario Review Board ruled Thursday that Jan Luedecke does not pose a significant threat to public safety and granted him an absolute discharge.

The board was responsible for determining what conditions, if any, were to be placed upon the landscaper who suffers from sexsomnia, a rare sleep disorder.

The bizarre assault took place in the early hours of a July 2003 house party in Toronto.

The victim, who cannot be named, had been asleep on a sofa when she awoke to find a strange man on top of her, engaging in sexual intercourse.

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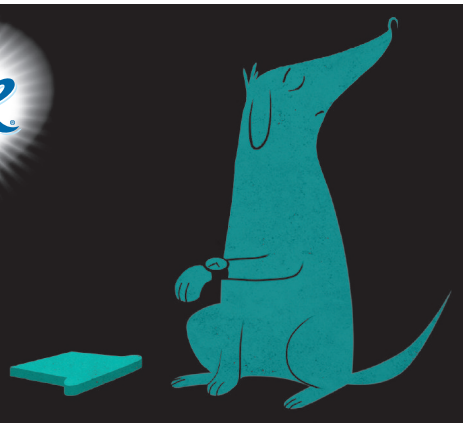

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Older kids next for flu shot

Flu **Outbreak**

Ontario soon will move to the next phase of its H1N1 immunization plan by getting the swine flu vaccine to school-age children.

The word comes from Toronto's medical officer of health, who says the province will likely announce the new plan Friday.

Dr. David McKeown says the city is working closely with school boards to organize the campaign, but adds vaccination programs will not take place in schools.

He says parents will instead be asked to go to physicians or to public health clinics, and adds Toronto clinics will be ready to immunize children as soon as the provincial announcement is made.

Ottawa's public health unit is also saying it expects the province to add school-age children to the priority list as early as this week.

Provincial officials would neither confirm nor deny the expanded program, saying only that Ontario's chief medical officer of health will likely hold a briefing Friday.

Priority groups — such as pregnant women and children between six months and five years of age — have been the focus of vaccinations over the last two weeks. But there have been concerns about getting school-age children their shots as well.

McKeown says Toronto Public Health considered setting up clinics in schools, but decided against it for two reasons.

He says there are about 1,000 schools in Toronto and it is inefficient to hold that many small clinics. McKeown adds that in order to ensure the vaccination process is as safe as possible, it is preferable that health workers speak with parents in person and obtain their consent.

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Dr. David McKeown, Toronto's medical officer of health, is shown in this file photo.

Healthy children over 3 may not need second shot

CHILDREN The Public Health Agency of Canada has good news for kids between the ages of three and nine, and their parents. The agency says healthy children over three probably won't need a second pediatric dose of H1N1 vaccine, as was previously recommended.

But the agency is reserving the right to change the policy later if newer scientific data points to a need for two doses for these children.

The agency says toddlers from six months to just under three years will need two shots, given at least 21 days apart. Children between three and nine with chronic health conditions should get a first shot as soon as possible, then get a second later, with an interval of at least three weeks.

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Politicians doing fair job with flu: Poll

SURVEY Opposition politicians and the media may be hammering governments for their handling of the H1N1 situation.

But a new Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey found that overall, most respondents see all levels of government as having done at least a fair job of preparing for, and dealing with, the H1N1 flu virus.

Almost one-quarter (22 to 24 per cent) of those surveyed said each level of government has done a good job dealing with swine flu, while another third or more (33 to 37 per cent) describe their performance as at least fair.

However, about one-third of respondents graded the response of each level of government — municipal, provincial or territorial, and federal — as poor. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Man in hospital after beating at Don Jail

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Colleges push deal on faculty

Contract talks between Ontario's community colleges and the union representing full-time faculty broke off Thursday, so the colleges said they will introduce a new contract of their own.

Colleges Ontario said it will introduce a new contract that gives full-time teachers an eight per cent wage hike over four years after talks with the Ontario Public Sector Employees Union collapsed.

The union said the colleges refused to negotiate in good faith.

"Seldom in my experience as a labour activist have I witnessed such arbitrary, misleading and, frankly, undemocratic behaviour," OPSEU president Warren Thomas said Thursday in a release. "The union will have no alternative but to go to our membership and seek a strike mandate."

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> Warren Thomas, OPSEU president

Rachael Donovan, chair of the colleges' bargaining team, said the eight per cent increase is in line with other recent public sector agreements, adding the colleges are pleased they did not have to ask for any concessions.

The governing body of Ontario's community colleges said they can legally introduce new terms once negotiations have broken down. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Material for the Swim to Survive program, which teaches children enough swimming ability to survive a fall into water, will be translated into 26 languages to reach immigrant parents.

Swim safety in 26 tongues

CHILDREN The Lifesaving Society is translating vital drowning prevention information into 26 additional languages in an effort to reach new immigrant parents in Ontario.

Public education director Barbara Byers says it's important to connect to new Canadians whose primary language isn't English or French. Details about the Swim to Survive program will be translated into multiple languages including Chinese, Hindu, Italian, Punjabi, Urdu, Russian and Portuguese.

The program is partly funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education and teaches children in Grade 3 the minimum standard of swimming ability for survival after an unexpected fall into the water.

Since it began in 2005, more than 200,000 children have completed the program, which is run through elementary schools. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grant

- The Lifesaving Society received an $18,000 grant from the RBC Foundation to help fund the translation program.

Teen dead in west end shooting

HOMICIDE A teen is dead and five men are in custody after a shooting in west end Toronto.

Police say Robert Flagiello, 18, died in hospital Wednesday night.

Officers were called after hearing reports of multiple gunshots, and found Flagiello.

Five men were taken into custody at the scene after locking themselves in a barbershop for an hour, but no charges have been laid.

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B.C., Ontario to lead growth in 2010: Study

A new forecast says an Olympics-pumped British Columbia will lead Canada out of recession with the strongest economic growth in the country next year.

The Conference Board of Canada says B.C.'s economy will advance by a robust 4.2 per cent in 2010, in part because of the activity surrounding the Winter Olympics in February.

The think-tank's estimate for growth nationally is 2.9 per cent, about where the Bank of Canada pegs it, but higher than most private-sector economists.

The board's provincial outlook says Saskatchewan will fare next best in 2010 with 3.7-per-cent growth based largely on the rebound in potash production. The prairie province also has a robust oil industry.

3.2% Ontario's economy is expected to grow 3.2 per cent in 2010, helped by public spending on infrastructure.

And after taking the full force of the recession this year, Ontario is also forecast to beat national growth with a 3.2-per-cent recovery, helped by public spending on infrastructure.

Quebec's recession was not as severe this year, says the think-tank's report, but with growth of 2.4 per cent, the province will lag behind the national average next year.

Only Newfoundland will fail to emerge from recession next year, says the Conference Board, as declining offshore oil production and weaker construction activity will again shrink the economy by 0.5 per cent, after falling 3.6 per cent this year.

The think-tank says Manitoba and the Maritime provinces managed to avoid a recession altogether this year, but their growth will be modest next year.

The Winter Olympics will help British Columbia's economy top the country next year with a winning 4.2 per cent rebound next year, says the report on provincial economies by the Conference Board.

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News in brief

FINANCE Janet Ecker, who leads the Toronto Financial Services Alliance, thinks Toronto can become a world leader in banking. The financial services industry — banks, trust companies, insurers, brokers and fund managers — already employs about 220,000 people across Greater Toronto. But the alliance — which is co-funded by the city, the Ontario government and the industry — says the industry could add 25,000 to 40,000 jobs over the next five years by playing to some of its strengths.

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Nicolette Potter, co-owner of the Painted Lady. City hall is cracking down on businesses on the Ossington Avenue strip, proposing restrictions on restaurant size, outlawing second-floor eateries and restricting patios and even the size of windows.

City restricts Ossington's growth

NEIGHBOURHOOD Fast-gentrifying Ossington Avenue has become so trendy that city councillors want to implement new rules to restrict the size of restaurants and patios on the strip.

The proposal, approved unanimously Tuesday by the Toronto and East York community council, says new bars, cafes, restaurants, bakeries and takeout places cannot exceed 175 square metres (under 2,000 square feet). They also won't be allowed to set up shop on the second floor.

Tighter rules will also apply to patios, including an 11 p.m. closing time, and no patios will be allowed on rooftops or in the back.

Though existing restaurants that exceed those limits will be allowed to continue operating, the decision left area business owners fuming.

City council still must give final approval to implement the new rules.

"I'm so angry. It affects our livelihood. It affects our ability to run a business," said Nicolette Potter, who co-owns the Painted Lady restaurant.

Her partner, Sam Papatragiannis, said he understands the fearfulness, but worries that the measures go too far. "It's going to say to other people: Don't relocate here," he said.

"We don't want (Ossington) to be Clubland. We love the area. We want to build the culture here," he said. "We own our building. We live upstairs."

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Man charged with defrauding employer

A 48-year-old chartered accountant has been charged with defrauding his employer of close to $1 million over a 10-year period. The Caledonia man worked as the senior controller of GE Water and Process Technologies Canada in Oakville. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Home invasion targeted: Cops

Forensic investigators are examining a car stolen from the scene of a deadly home invasion in Brampton on Thursday for evidence of the killers.

Three young black men, considered armed and dangerous, remain at large, wanted in the slaying of George Kalogerakis, 38, at a home on Earth Star Trail.

Peel homicide Insp. Norm English said he was killed as part of a targeted home invasion.

"This home was targeted for a specific reason," he said. "This wasn't a random act. … This was a home invasion robbery that went very, very wrong."

A police source said Kalogerakis was tied up in the basement and shot and stabbed.

A frantic 911 call from inside the home alerted police. English refused to confirm a report the victim's 62-year-old mother was at home at the time.

The 2005 black Nissan Altima that was taken from the Kalogerakis residence was located Thursday afternoon near Jane Street and Finch Avenue West in Toronto, English said.

"It was located because of a tip," he said.

Forensic investigators are hoping to lift fingerprints and possibly DNA from the vehicle.

This was Peel's 18th homicide of the year.

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Peel Police forensic identification officers look for clues at the crime scene of a home in Brampton.

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Teen charged with impersonating officer

CRIME A 16-year-old Oshawa teen has been charged with impersonating an officer after two middle-aged men were assaulted and had their property stolen in early November.

The first incident happened on Nov. 4 in Oshawa. A 42-year-old man was walking on Park Road South when he was approached by a youth, who claimed to be a plain-clothes officer, and then allegedly stole his personal belongings.

Two days later, a 53-year-old man was assaulted with a bat in his Oshawa home, on Simcoe Street South, apparently by the same youth again claiming to be a plain-clothes officer.

The victim suffered broken ribs after the youth allegedly took the bat out of his hands and hit them with it. Police tracked down the teen a short time later and found him hiding with a laptop stuffed down his jacket.

The teen is charged with two counts of robbery, personation of a peace officer, breach of youth sentence order and one count of assault bodily harm.

He cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City talking to single bidder to handle Toronto's composting

WASTE Under pressure to divert more waste from the dump, councillors on Toronto's works committee want to strike a deal to spend tens of millions to build a huge composting plant through negotiations with just a single bidder.

A competitive bidding process had attracted two bids, but both were higher than the city's $64 million cost estimate for the plant.

Now, the councillors want to negotiate with just one of the failed bidders on a deal that would dwarf most city sole-source contracts.

Traditionally, municipalities use multiple bids to ensure costs are kept down, but sole-source offers can be accepted if there's only one company with the necessary skills.

Glenn De Baeremaeker, who chairs the works committee, says the city has little choice but to push ahead, because it is collecting more and more organic waste from its green bin program.

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Woman critical after car crash

An 18-year-old woman is in critical condition after her car was struck by a pickup truck that crossed into oncoming traffic in Uxbridge Wednesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cubing supper

Toronto artists set Guinness World Record

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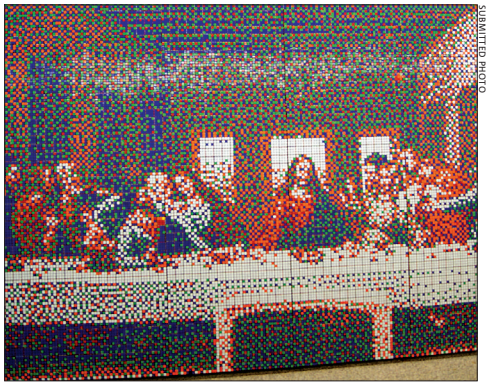

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Cube Works recreated The Last Supper with 4,050 Rubik's Cubes, a feat that's been inducted into the Guinness World Records.

There have been countless renditions of The Last Supper — the iconic biblical scene of Jesus' last days as narrated in the Gospel of John — since the first mural was created by Leonardo da Vinci in 15th century Milan.

But a collective of Toronto artists, designers, cubists and framers at Toronto-based art studio Cube Works have recreated the image in such a unique way, it has been inducted into the Guinness World Records.

Nick Hall, a graphic designer and one of half-dozen people who collaborated on the large-scale art piece using nothing other than Rubik's Cubes, says their Last Supper piece has become the largest piece of Rubik's Cube art in the world.

"We broke the 4,000-cube mark by using 4,050 cubes," he said. Measuring more than 17 feet in length and eight-and-a-half feet tall, it's a mammoth undertaking that Cube Works has been working on since the beginning of the summer.

The company, still in its infancy, has until now created smaller-scale Rubik's Cube pieces that have been featured in various places around the city, including the Distillery District at the recent Nuit Blanche.

"Once we create a design, we create a map for that design and these cubers, who are some of the world's fastest Rubik's Cube solvers, actually figure out these pieces cube by cube," said Hall. "We then glue them together, and what we're left with is a large-scale image of an iconic work of art, using only the six colours of the cube."

The Last Supper has already been sold for an undisclosed amount to a client living in Florida.

"He's a big fan of the stuff we do," said Hall.

"We're going to pack it up and send it down to him in a few weeks and it's going to be installed in his home."

Ninety-one per cent of diabetes sufferers don't manage their disease, report says

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"Diabetes is the third most frequently diagnosed disease ... in Canada."
Dr. Stewart Harris, lead investigator

HEALTH Saturday marks the 18th annual World Diabetes Day — an international campaign to engage people all over the world in awareness about this disease, now considered a global epidemic that affects approximately 250 million people worldwide.

Currently, about 41,000 Canadians die each year as a result of diabetes — generally from a stroke or heart disease. And there are an alarming number of Canadians who are developing type 2 diabetes, the most common type. In fact, by next year, approximately three million Canadians will have diabetes, draining $15.6 billion from the health-care system annually.

"Diabetes is the third most frequently diagnosed disease by physicians in Canada," says Dr. Stewart Harris, lead investigator for the National Diabetes Management Strategy.

A national study of adults with type 2 diabetes was released Wednesday, which reveals that 91 per cent of sufferers do not fully comply with diabetes management behaviours. Furthermore, Ontarians are the least compliant at taking medications as prescribed.

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P.E.I. plans new agency to provide health care

The Prince Edward Island government plans to create a new arm's-length organization to deliver health services on the island. The plan to create Health P.E.I. was announced Thursday in the throne speech opening the fall session of the legislature. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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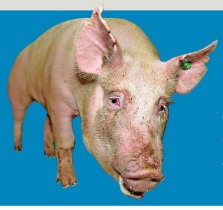

Hog producer seeks creditor protection

Big Sky Farms Inc., the largest hog producer in Saskatchewan, has applied for creditor protection. The Humboldt-based company, which is 70 per cent owned by the Saskatchewan government, blames what it calls an unprecedented and protracted downturn in the North American pork market. THE CANADIAN PRESS

School bus crashes in Calgary

Young students left with minor injuries after bus, van collide

A tall spruce tree in Marilyn Gunn's front yard was all that prevented a large yellow school bus from crashing through her front window Thursday.

The school bus that had been carrying about three dozen elementary school children to morning classes smashed into the evergreen after rear-ending a minivan.

"All of a sudden I saw this tree ... shaking violently and coming toward the house and then I heard the big crash," Gunn told The Canadian Press. "I got up and stood here in the window and I saw the school bus in the tree. I ran out immediately and heard the children crying inside and screaming."

LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Seventeen elementary school students are being treated for cuts and bruises after an accident in Calgary Thursday between their bus and a minivan. The bus appears to have jumped the curb and smashed into a tree in front of a house.

Seventeen children between the ages of five and 10 were taken to hospital with minor cuts and bruises.

The minivan had been turning left in front of Gunn's home on a quiet residential street when it was hit. The vehicle rolled through her yard and flipped over against a retaining wall on the driveway.

The drivers, both women in their 30s, had non-life-threatening injuries, police and emergency officials said.

The cause of the accident was still under investigation, but there was a suggestion the brakes on the bus may have failed as it came down the hill to the corner where the collision occurred. Speed may have also been a factor, but alcohol was not, police said.

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Accused in Mountie's death says shots went off in struggle

COURT A man accused of killing an RCMP officer in the Northwest Territories two years ago says the fatal shots were fired as the pair struggled in the dark over a gun.

Emrah Bulatci, who is charged with first-degree murder, told a packed and silent courtroom Thursday that he never meant to kill Const. Chris Worden.

"(Worden) was on top of me," Bulatci said. "He had my head pinned down. He was struggling to get my right arm. He was pulling it back.

"I was trying to get my hand free and that's when the gun went off. It went off twice — it was like bang bang.

"He fell and he stopped fighting with me. I pushed him off and I panicked. I just got up and ran.

"I didn't look back."

Bulatci, who is from St. Albert, just outside Edmonton, tried to plead guilty to manslaughter last month. The Crown did not accept that plea and the trial went ahead.

He testified that he was leaving a drug house in Hay River, N.W.T., early on Oct. 6, 2007, when Const. Chris Worden arrived and started questioning him.

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Three hurt after Quebec chopper crash

Three people are seriously injured after a helicopter crashed into a sandbar in the middle of a river near Baie-Comeau, Que. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec **Raising a glass to the theatre**

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The cast of Broue, Michel Côté, left, Marcel Gauthier, centre, and Marc Messier, raise their beer mugs after receiving a medal at the provincial legislature. Premier Jean Charest honoured the creators of the world's longest-running play with its original cast, after 30 years and approaching 3,000 shows. The play is set in a Montreal tavern and the actors drink real beer.

Keep minds open: Lawyer

The lawyer for the man accused of kidnapping and murdering eight-year-old Victoria (Tori) Stafford asked for the public's "patience" Thursday.

Following a brief video court appearance by Michael Rafferty, 29, lawyer Laura Giordano said the public needed "to keep an open mind" about her client.

Giordano said that so far, "only one side of the story has been told."

Assistant Crown attorney Michael Carnegie told the court arrangements for preliminary hearing dates would be made in the near future. The case was adjourned until Dec. 18 to allow for continued disclosure of evidence.

Rafferty was arrested for the kidnapping and murder of Stafford in May. Terri-Lynn McClintic, 19, is also charged. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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N.S. to chop Christmas Tree soon

Nova Scotia's annual Christmas gift to Boston, a tree, will be cut down on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A guide to Canada

New book teaches military, political, native history

The federal government has issued a new citizenship guidebook that teaches aspiring Canadians more about the military, political history, Confederation and First Nations than its predecessor.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says the more comprehensive study guide for Canadian citizenship includes information on common values such as freedom, democracy, human rights, the rule of law and the equality of men and women.

Kenney says the guide, entitled Discover Canada: The Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship,promotes "a greater understanding of Canada's history, values, symbols and important Canadian institutions, such as Parliament and the Crown."

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Immigration Minister Jason Kenney

It also highlights the contribution of ethnic and cultural communities in shaping the Canadian identity and the sacrifices made by Canada's veterans.

Kenney says people who want to become Canadians should be expected to understand their rights and responsibilities, and "the values and institutions that are rooted in Canada's history."

Citizenship and Immigration consulted with a panel of prominent Canadians, including public figures, authors and historians, in developing the new guide.

It's also been reviewed by organizations involved in citizenship promotion, such as the Historica-Dominion Institute, the Association of Francophone and Acadian Communities and the Institute for Canadian Citizenship.

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Records found under leaf pile

PROBE The Manitoba Law Society is investigating after the personal health, bank and tax records of clients of a lawyer were found flying around a community east of Winnipeg.

The private and personal records of clients of Fred Bortuluzzi were in boxes in a destroyed greenhouse in East St. Paul. But a 12-year-old boy in the neighbourhood found some bank, health and tax records in and under leaves in his yard.

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Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Transit Project Assessment Study
Notice of Commencement and Public Open Houses starting November 23, 2009

Public Consultation

We are holding seven Open Houses where you can learn more about this transit project, ask questions, and share your comments.

All Open Houses will be held from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

Location and Dates:

York Memorial Collegiate, 2690 Eglinton Avenue West
Monday, November 23

Northern Secondary School, 851 Mount Pleasant Road
Wednesday, November 25

CNIB Conference Centre, 1929 Bayview Avenue
Wednesday, December 2

Beth Shalom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Avenue West
Thursday, December 10

Etobicoke Olympium, 590 Rathburn Road
Tuesday, November 24

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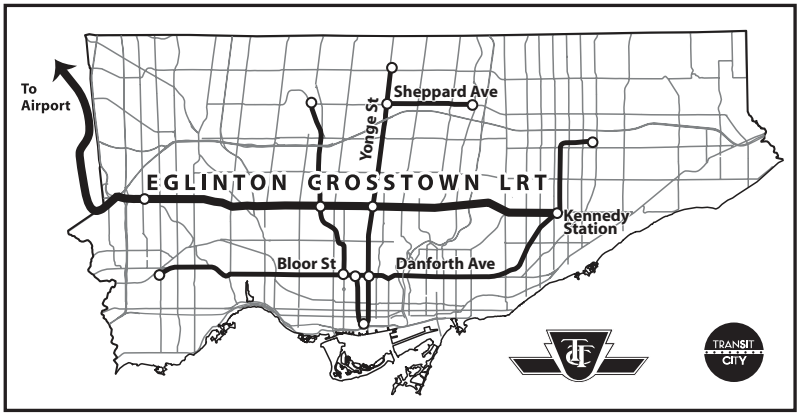
Don Montgomery Community Centre, 2467 Eglinton Avenue East
Tuesday, December 8

Background

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and the City of Toronto are planning a new Light Rail Transit (LRT) route along Eglinton Avenue from Kennedy Subway Station to Pearson International Airport. The LRT will link to the Yonge Subway at Eglinton Station and to the Spadina Subway at Eglinton West Station. As part of the Transit City light rail network, this route will connect with the proposed Don Mills LRT, Jane LRT, and Scarborough-Malvern LRT.



The Eglinton Crosstown LRT will provide modern, accessible and comfortable light rail transit service. The LRT will operate underground from Laird Drive in the east to Keele Street in the west, as the width of Eglinton Avenue in this area is too narrow to accommodate street level LRT. For the remainder of the route, the LRT will operate in reserved transit lanes in the centre of the street.

At the upcoming Open Houses, TTC and the City will present the preferred design for both the underground and street level segments of the line. For the surface segments, final stop/passenger platform locations and traffic management strategies to provide fast and reliable LRT service will be displayed. The Open Houses will also exhibit the identified environmental impacts and corresponding proposed mitigation measures of the preferred design and the proposed methods of construction.

This is the third round of public consultation. Previous consultations were held during the preliminary planning stage in August-September 2008 and June-September 2009. Responses to questions and comments submitted at previous open houses will be posted in the Frequently Asked Questions and Answers section on the project website: **toronto.ca/transitcity.**

Process

The environmental impact of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT will be assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (2008). As part of the Transit Project Assessment process an Environmental Project Report is being prepared.

Next Steps

A status report will be sent to TTC and City Council before the Open Houses. Following the open houses and review of comments, there will be an opportunity to incorporate feedback. A formal public notice of study completion will then be issued. At that time, an Environmental Project Report will be made available for a 30 day review period on the project website: toronto.ca/transitcity (see Eglinton Crosstown LRT) and at specified locations in the "Notice of Completion".

We would like to hear from you:

Public consultation is an important part of this study. If you would like to provide comments or obtain more information, please contact:

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toronto.ca/transitcity (see: Eglinton Crosstown LRT)

Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

N.L. reaches ambulance agreement
The Newfoundland and Labrador government has reached a tentative contract agreement with the province's 22 community-based ambulance operators. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Torch heads to Viking town

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

The Olympic torch run reached the northernmost tip of Newfoundland today with a stop in the ancient Viking settlement of L'Anse aux Meadows.

Relay runners, including hockey announcer Bob Cole, appeared in the village under bright sunshine and a sea mist sent into the air by wind-driven waves smashing the rocky shoreline.

The runners took the flame inside a Viking hut where it was met by people dressed in Viking costume, including children.

The Olympic flame then went on to the town of St. Anthony, where it was greeted with traditional Newfoundland music, cheers and people running alongside.

The torch is expected to arrive in St. John's Friday.

The relay will cover 45,000 kilometres and visit 1,000 cities and towns before finishing in Vancouver in February for the start of the Winter Games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bernice Smith, right, and Bob Cole pass the Olympic flame from one to another in L'Anse aux Meadows, N.L., Thursday. Follow the Olympic torch's journey at metronews.ca/sports.

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B.C. court hearing jumpers' appeal

OLYMPICS A B.C. Court of Appeal is hearing arguments about why female ski jumpers should have the right to compete at the 2010 Winter Games.

Fourteen women are appealing a lower court ruling that found that while their rights were being violated because men can compete at the Games and they can't, the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee doesn't have the power to change the International Olympic Committee decision.

The president of Women's Ski Jumping USA, Deedee Corradini, says despite the fact the appeal hearing is coming just three months before the Games, there is plenty of time to get the women's event onto the 2010 program.

She says Vancouver organizers have had more than a year to develop a contingency plan in case the women were victorious in court and she expects them to have one.

To include a sport at the last minute would require changes to many elements of the Games, including transportation, security and ticketing.

Even if the Court of Appeal sides in the women's favour, Vancouver organizers could still appeal the decision to the Supreme Court of Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Job loss faster than '80s, '90s: StatsCan

DOWNTURN A new report says employment declined much faster in the early months of the current economic downturn than it did early in the recessions of 1981 and 1990.

But the analysis by Statistics Canada found employment levels in the next seven months of the current downturn were relatively stable, while employment had continued to decline in other downturns. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Avalanche warnings start early in B.C.
Skiers and hikers in British Columbia are being warned that it's never too early to prepare for an avalanche. The Canadian Avalanche Centre doesn't officially begin issuing bulletins for the 2009/2010 snow season until Friday, but it already has a warning for backcountry enthusiasts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CPP fund regains large amount of loss from past year

The Canada Pension Plan's investment fund saw its assets grow to $123.8 billion between the first and second quarters of the fiscal year, spurred by revived equity markets but offset somewhat by a strong loonie.

The fund's assets, which saw a 4.6 per cent return on investments in the quarter, have regained a large portion of the loss they experienced over the past year as equity markets tumbled amid economic uncertainty and the financial crisis.

Year-over-year, the CPP Fund gained 5.5 per cent, but its assets are still below the $127.7 billion they reached in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, before the financial crisis hit.

Although the fund's performance lagged the S&P/TSX composite index, which gained 11.2 per cent in the same July to September period, the head of the CPP's investment body emphasized that it is focused on a long-term investment horizon of 10 to 15 years and invests accordingly.

"Our view is to establish long-term strategic asset weightings and then to maintain them ... we maintained them in this current ... environment," said David Denison, president and CEO of the CPP Investment Board. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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billion — the value of assets in the CPP investment fund at the end of the second quarter of the fiscal year.

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Deputy governor of Bank of Canada to retire

The Bank of Canada said Thursday that deputy governor David Longworth will retire at the end of March next year, the second senior executive at the central bank to announce their departure in a month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Royal visit came with military focus

With a final royal wave from the Airbus door Thursday, Prince Charles and wife Camilla ended their 11-day Canadian tour, a visit which held a distinct military focus.

The emphasis may have been a sharp idea. A poll released just before the royal pair arrived suggested 41 per cent of Canadians would prefer that the prince hand off the throne to his son, William, rather than succeed the Queen. Only 31 per cent believed Charles should be king.

Another poll suggested a majority of Canadians want the monarchy to die with the Queen.

But Canadian support for the military seems unbounded these days and sharing in the reflected glow couldn't hurt.

The itinerary had all the staples of a royal tour — small children with bouquets, community centres, schools, a hospital, churches — but the prince never lost an opportunity to speak of, and to, the Canadian Forces. The military focus was clearest when he donned the uniform of a Canadian lieutenant-general for the national Remembrance Day ceremony.

The coast-to-coast trip was Charles's 15th visit to Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prince Charles waves as he and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, arrive Thursday for their departure from the airport in Ottawa.

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Vancouver fire levels 5 businesses

HERITAGE AREA No one was hurt but a major blaze levelled five businesses in a heritage area of central Vancouver, collapsing several storefronts as onlookers watched.

"The damage will be extensive," said Vancouver assistant fire chief Wade Peirlot.

"We had the whole roof cave in so this building will probably be a total loss by the time we are finished."

Flames broke out just before 4 a.m. Thursday morning at the corner of Main Street and Broadway, the intersection of two main arterial routes through the city.

Firefighters couldn't contain the blaze as it raced through false ceilings above the single-storey strip of restaurants and offices.

Then, about two hours after the first alarm, the front facades of three of the businesses collapsed, sending a searing wave of heat across six lanes of usually commuter-congested Main Street.

Lost in the fire was Slickity Jim's Chat 'N Chew, an eclectic restaurant with a city-wide reputation, along with a sushi restaurant, two more small eateries and an insurance or accounting business.

Two large heritage buildings, the former CIBC bank building and a multi-storey condominium bookended the burning strip but firefighters steered the flames away from those structures.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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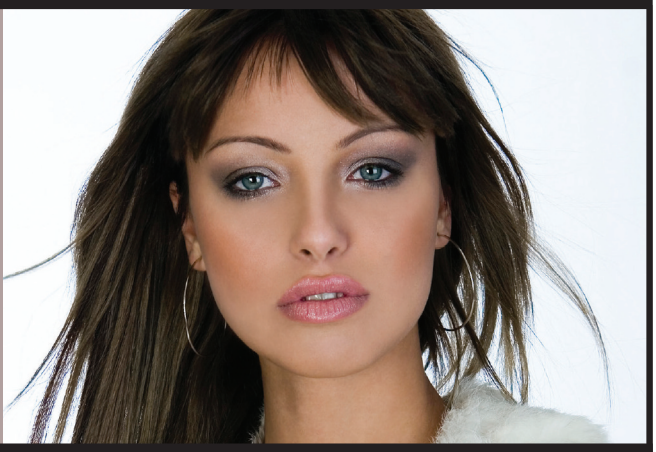

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Terrorist cell busted in Italy

Italy's top security official said Thursday that authorities have smashed an international terror cell with the arrest in Italy and elsewhere in Europe of 17 Algerians who were raising money to finance terrorism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

War criminal won't return to politics

Convicted Bosnian Serb war criminal Biljana Plavsic, left, said Thursday the success of Bosnia's Serb Republic helped her survive her years in jail, but she does not plan to return to politics. Plavsic, the former Bosnian Serb president, was freed on Oct. 27 from a Swedish prison after serving two-thirds of an 11-year jail term for crimes against humanity during Bosnia's 1992-95 war. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooter charged

Obama orders intelligence review on Hasan

The U.S. Army psychiatrist accused in the Fort Hood shootings was charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder in the military's legal system, making him eligible for the death penalty if convicted, officials said Thursday.

Meanwhile, President Barack Obama ordered a review of all intelligence related to Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan and whether it was properly shared and acted upon within individual government agencies. The announcement comes as members of U.S. Congress are pressuring for a full investigation in why Hasan was not detected and stopped. A Senate hearing on Hasan is scheduled for next week. The Senate Homeland Security Committee announced it is opening its own investigation this week.

U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command spokesman Chris Grey said at a news conference that additional charges may be filed against Hasan.

Officials told The Associated Press that it had not been decided whether to charge Hasan with a 14th count of murder related to the death of the unborn child of a pregnant shooting victim.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the case publicly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

13 Counts of murder that Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan has been charged with, making him eligible for the death penalty under U.S. military law

Virginia Floods hit Atlantic coast of U.S.

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George Trice IV, left, and his father George III investigate flooding from their canoe in Poquoson, Virginia, Thursday. Relentless rain triggered coastal flood warnings from North Carolina to New York's Long Island. Virginia was particularly hard-hit.

Diplomats puzzled by Iranian facility

NUCLEAR Iran's recently revealed uranium enrichment hall is a highly fortified underground space that appears too small to house a civilian nuclear program, but large enough to serve for military activities, diplomats said Thursday. Both the construction timeline and the size of the facility — inspected last month by the International Atomic Energy Agency — are significant in helping shed light on Tehran's true nuclear intentions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN U.S. President Barack Obama rejected the Afghanistan war options before him and asked for revisions, Defence Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday, after the U.S. ambassador in Kabul argued that a significant U.S. troop increase would only prop up a weak, corruption-tainted government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CIA wins turf battle

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Draft without deadline

UN hunger declaration criticized by humanitarian groups

A draft declaration for next week's UN food summit would commit world leaders to a new hunger-fighting strategy by pledging to increase agricultural development aid to help the world's one billion hungry people feed themselves.

However, the draft obtained Thursday by The Associated Press does not include a 2025 deadline for eradicating hunger, a goal sought by the United Nations.

Also missing are specific money commitments, such as the $44 billion US in yearly agricultural aid that the UN Food and Agriculture Organization says will be necessary in the coming decades. The delegation from the United States, the world's No. 1 food donor, said the draft succeeded in uniting the world behind a new approach to fight its hunger problem.

That strategy places up front the needs of small farmers in the developing world, who could feed themselves and their compatriots if only they had access to basic things like seeds, tools, irrigation systems as well as infrastructure such as storage facilities or roads from fields to markets.

Humanitarian groups lamented, however, that the document was weak, and that the three-day Rome summit starting Monday could fail if world leaders don't allocate new resources and come up with mechanisms to hold governments to their commitments.

Under the draft, developed countries would "commit to a crucial, decisive shift" that aims to "substantially increase the share" of aid invested in agriculture to help the world's poor become less dependent on direct food assistance.

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Record number

- Hunger now affects a record 1.02 billion people globally — or one in six — with the financial meltdown, high food prices, drought and war blamed for recent increases, the Food and Agriculture Organization says.

News in brief

VATICAN CITY Executives from Facebook, Wikipedia and Google are attending a Vatican meeting to brief officials and Catholic bishops about the Internet and digital youth culture. The symposium, which opened Thursday and runs through Sunday, also will address Internet copyright issues and hacking. Pope Benedict XVI has tried to bring the Vatican into the Internet age by launching a YouTube channel earlier this year. Officials say he also emails and surfs the Web.

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Wartime bomb discovered, 3,000 forced to move

Police moved 3,000 people to safety in Wroclaw, southwestern Poland, on Thursday after discovering a Second World War-era bomb. The 500-kilogram bomb was unearthed during construction of a new music hall that will go up near the Wroclaw Opera House. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Student Berlanty Azzam gestures as she describes her ordeal.

Let me go home, student pleads

Palestinian student Berlanty Azzam says her life changed dramatically when she was stopped by Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint in the West Bank.

She says she was handcuffed, blindfolded and hauled off to the Gaza Strip in the middle of the night late last month.

And now she's asking Israel's supreme court to let her return to her studies in the West Bank.

"My priority, what's most important, is to get back to my studies," 21-year-old Azzam said by phone from Gaza.

"I just want to get back to Bethlehem."
Berlanty Azzam

"I was so close to finishing, I just want to get back to Bethlehem and finish."

Azzam's case is said to highlight a fear among the thousands of Palestinians originally from Gaza who now live in the West Bank — sudden expulsion by the Israelis to the Hamas-ruled coastal strip.

Yadin Elam, a lawyer with the Israeli human rights group Gisha representing Azzam, said such incidents happen on a daily basis and constitute a removal "by force" on the part of Israel of Palestinians from West Bank to Gaza.

The court remanded the case to a military hearing to be held at the Gaza border next week.

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Stalled vote may let Abbas stay on

MIDEAST Palestinian election officials Thursday recommended calling off January's presidential vote.

That step could result in embattled President Mahmoud Abbas staying in office indefinitely.

Abbas had vowed not to run for re-election because of his frustration with stalled peace efforts.

But few think he will resign outright if no election is held.

Hanna Nasser, chairman of the Palestinian election commission, blamed the rival Hamas militant group for holding up the vote.

The Palestinians have been divided between two governments since Hamas violently seized control of Gaza in 2007 from Abbas' Fatah movement.

Abbas' Western-backed government controls only the West Bank.

The Palestinians hope to establish an independent state in both territories, with east Jerusalem as their capital.

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News in brief

CHRISTMAS New York City's Rockefeller Center Christmas tree is almost ready for the holidays. The 23-metre Norway spruce was hoisted into place Thursday. The next step is to decorate it with 30,000 lights. The lighting ceremony will be Dec. 2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Thousands pray for massacre victims

Thousands of mourners lit candles, sang hymns and prayed in East Timor on Thursday, honouring the victims of a massacre of pro-independence demonstrators by Indonesian troops 18 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pyramid scam worth $1B?

A suspected pyramid scheme run by a high-profile South Florida lawyer is likely to exceed $1 billion, a top FBI official said Thursday.

The alleged scam involved thousands of investors in the U.S. and abroad, said special agent John Gillies.

Gillies said the probe is likely to take weeks before any criminal charges are filed. "We are conducting this investigation in a timely manner," Gillies said. "But we will not be pushed. We are far from over."

Attorney Scott Rothstein, it's alleged, was offering huge returns through legal settlements that investigators say were pure fiction.

Profits of 20 per cent or more were commonly promised, it's claimed.

"I don't believe this was a one-man show."
John Gillies

A civil complaint contends Rothstein was running a classic Ponzi scheme in which money from new investors was used to pay off older ones — and Rothstein kept most of it himself.

"I don't believe this was a one-man show," Gillies said.

The FBI and U.S. tax authorities have seized much of Rothstein's empire, including yachts, luxury cars and bank accounts.

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Aussies **Life's a beach**

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Men and women in bikinis and swimming shorts converge on a giant beachwear parade in Sydney, Australia, on Thursday. It was part of Guinness World Records Day — in which about 200,000 people worldwide attempt a wide range of records.

Drug lord flees — to Forbes list

FUGITIVE Mexico's most-wanted drug lord escaped prison by hiding in a laundry truck a decade ago.

His legend and fortune seem to grow with each passing day he eludes capture.

Now he has reached a new level of fame — or infamy — by making Forbes magazine's list of the 67 World's Most Powerful People.

Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is even considered more powerful than Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez — No. 67 — and France's Nicolas Sarkozy — No. 56 — according to Forbes.

At No. 41, Guzman is just below Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Mexican officials blame Guzman's cartel for much of the country's staggering bloodshed.

"He's influential, rich and powerful, but he has cost so many lives."
Gabriela Lopez

Drug violence has killed nearly 14,000 people since President Felipe Calderon took office in 2006, and more than 2,000 people so far this year in the border city of Ciudad Juarez, where Guzman's cartel is fighting a turf battle against the Juarez cartel.

"Of course he's influential, rich and powerful, but he has cost so many lives, so many youths," said Gabriela Lopez, a 25-year-old businesswoman in Culiacan, the capital of Sinaloa.

"I wish they would make a list pointing out that as well."

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Too many time zones: Russia

CLOCKS A proposal to slash Russia's 11 time zones could have Vladivostok residents tucking into their breakfast blini as their Chinese neighbours polish off their lunchtime noodles.

President Dmitry Medvedev suggested Thursday reducing the number of time zones that slice up the world's largest country.

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Minutiae

- Russia has 11 time zones and represents one-ninth of the world's land mass.
- China, before the 1949 communist revolution, recognized five time zones. But under Mao Zedong's rule they were all abolished in favour of Beijing standard time.

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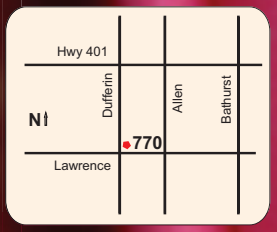

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Emperor Akihito, left, and Empress Michiko applaud from the Imperial Palace Thursday in Tokyo, Japan, during a special event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Akihito's coronation.

Emperor's anniversary

Tens of thousands of well-wishers gathered outside Japan's moat-ringed Imperial Palace — many shouting "Banzai," a traditional wish for long life — to mark Thursday's 20th anniversary of Emperor Akihito's coronation to the world's oldest throne.

Parades, concerts and speeches by leading athletes, actors, businesspeople and politicians marked the festivities that lasted most of the day.

But in unusually sombre comments of his own, Akihito appealed for future generations to learn from the war-marred reign of his father, the late Emperor Hirohito.

In a rare news conference before the anniversary, the 75-year-old monarch said he is concerned that Japanese will forget their past, specifically the Second World War.

> **"We must not forget that today's Japan is built on ... sacrifices of the past."**
> Emperor Akihito

"Some 3.1 million Japanese died in the war, and many lives of foreigners were also lost," he said.

"We must not forget that today's Japan is built on those many sacrifices of the past."

Japan's Chrysanthemum Throne is the world's oldest hereditary monarchy.

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News in brief

WAR CRIMES The Australian government on Thursday approved the extradition of an alleged Nazi war criminal accused by Hungary of a Second World War killing. Australian citizen Charles Zentai, 88, is accused by the Hungarian government of being one of three men who tortured and killed a Jewish teenager in Budapest in 1944. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

Dogs, and residents, deserve better

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Walking our dog last weekend, we came upon a stray. He was a young, friendly and well-groomed dog, but with no collar, and we had never seen him in our neighbourhood before.

We leashed him and phoned the city's animal control service (416-338-PAWS), the place that requires that we license dogs, apparently so they can be identified when lost. It was 8.30 p.m. and the answering service said it was closed.

We asked where the pound for strays was, but the voice said there was no such place and we would have to keep the dog overnight. That wasn't an option for us. Was there anything else we could do?

No, the voice said, nothing.

Reluctantly (given what we have read recently about how it is run), we took the dog to the Toronto Humane Society shelter on River Street, and it happily took the dog in, awaiting an owner to call.

I phoned the city's animal control division the next day. Manager Cathy Quinn confirmed that the city doesn't deal with strays after 6.30 p.m. I asked what the city expects people to do and she says it's been like this since amalgamation. I asked why the voice never mentioned the Humane Society as an option.

Quinn said that after 6.30 p.m. the phone is operated by an external company, "and it doesn't respond to information very well. We have tried to work with them, and tell them how to respond, but it has not been satisfactory. They give out incorrect information. There's a lot of staff turnover." The city keeps hiring this company, she said, because "it puts in the lowest bid."

So the city doesn't provide a basic service where one can take strays, even those with dog tags, after 6.30 p.m., and it hires a company that gives out bad information. These are pretty simple matters to fix, but city hall doesn't seem to care. Dogs, let alone city residents, deserve better.

Maybe a dog should run for mayor.

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Views

A world where what you see is what you get

Susie Mowers

We know how "the game" works. More importantly, we know that anyone in their late 20s who still plays "the game" is still single — because all the straight-up people who never played games are long gone, happily married and living in a chic pad in downtown Toronto hosting extravagant dinners on a Saturday night. Games don't work. We know this.

We are the 20-something female neo-feminists whose posse consists of jocks and intellectuals who all just so happen to be male. We don't get along with girls because they're catty, analytical ... and each other's worst enemy.

So we befriend guys. We hang with guys. We like their tell-it-like-it-is mantra and, yeah, we try to adopt it and make it our own. And we do. Quite successfully. And it's always spectacular, until "it" happens. And it *always* happens.

Flashback to last Tuesday. Ben and I are in the boardroom (and it isn't until much later I realize we're alone). But he's my friend and we're talking hockey.

"You want to go to the game?" he asks.

"Sure!" I say.

Mistake No. 1.

Back at my apartment, I check with my roommate that this is not a date. I'm under the impression we're both only going because we're good friends and we like the same team. Mistake No. 2.

The non-date goes superbly and we bid our adieus on the subway. And then this:

"Had a great time. Next time — dinner?"

I curse. It's the ambiguous date invitation. Just when you *swore* things were cool. *Friendly.*

Flash forward to Friday when a colleague I consider a dear friend professed his love for me. His motive for confessing? If I was so straightforward, he could learn to be, too.

See, this isn't necessarily what we're after. But it's what happens. It's what *always* happens. And it makes me wonder: Is too straight-up a downfall?

Women, this is your call to action. (Read: Our plea). Let us off the hook. Quit the games. Tell it like it is. Say what you feel. Don't analyze. He means what he says and he says what he means. Do the same and we would all be better off for it.

Because the more you disclose, the rarer we are. And the better you look. And the less frustrated he is. And the happier you both are. You see a pattern here?

A world where what you see is what you get.

Think of all the friends you could make.

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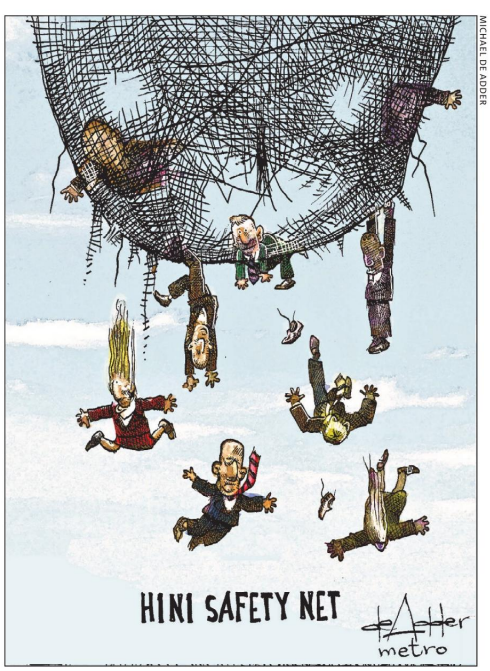

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Jump in oil supply worries investors

MARKETS The Toronto stock market closed lower Thursday as U.S. data showing falling oil and gasoline demand raised worries about economic weakness.

The S&P/TSX composite index declined 78.99 points to 11,360.76.

Tepid

- Market performance has been tepid for most of this week. But six straight sessions ended Monday had pushed the TSX up almost six per cent.

The TSX energy sector was down 1.44 per cent. The December oil contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange moved down $2.34 to $76.94 US a barrel as the U.S. dollar strengthened and the Department of Energy said U.S. crude supplies rose by 1.8 million barrels while gasoline inventories jumped 2.5 million barrels last week.

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Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday.

The gold sector stepped back 2.09 per cent as a rising U.S. dollar helped push gold prices lower from Wednesday's latest record close with the December contract in New York off $8 to $1,106.60 US an ounce.

The disappointing report on energy usage also depressed U.S. markets as the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 93.79 points to 10,197.47.

The Nasdaq composite index was down 17.88 points to 2,149.02 and the S&P 500 index fell 11.27 points to 1,087.24 as retailing giant Wal-Mart — an influential indicator of consumer spending sentiment across North America — delivered disappointing sales numbers even though its profits were up. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Homebuyers can find deals outside T.O.

Pickering offers the best bang for your buck if you're looking for more space, according to a study by Coldwell Banker Terrequity Realty.

A standard detached, four-bedroom, 2,200-square-foot home, the type favoured by move-up buyers, goes for $373,666. A comparable home in central Toronto would be $998,000 — three times as much, the study said.

While existing home prices have moved past last year's peak levels, the same is not true for new home prices in Toronto which are still 0.5 per cent off from last September.

With little inventory in the market for new or existing homes, move-up buyers have had to look at alternatives in other neighborhoods in the GTA to get the most for their dollar.

After Central Toronto, the second most expensive move-up location was the Beach neighbourhood in the city's east end. The average price for a four-bedroom home is $795,000. North York was in third place, with a move-up home costing $662,000.

The areas with the most affordable move-up homes were Scarborough, Mississauga and Brampton. Pickering was the most affordable. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Global index

- Of 345 North American and 35 Canadian cities, Toronto came in 25th spot on the Coldwell Banker index.
- Vancouver was the only city to make the top 10, with an average move-up home costing $1.174 million.
- The top spot globally was La Jolla, Calif., at $2.12 million, followed by Beverley Hills at $1.98 million.

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Cellphones help BCE double profit

GROWTH BCE Inc. more than doubled third-quarter profits as it reported a record number of new cellphone subscribers and said its wireless segment is positioning the company for future growth.

The company reported Thursday that net income was $558 million or 72 cents per share for the third quarter. That was up from a profit of $248 million or 31 cents per share last year.

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Despite the weaker economy and strong competition, Bell Wireless reported it had 501,000 new cellphone subscribers — 14.1 per cent more than in the same period last year — due to new mobile phones, services and applications.

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Coca-Cola puts more fizz into Brazil business
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Canadian Tire sees its profit skid 22%

Canadian Tire says its profits fell nearly 22 per cent in the third quarter as unseasonal weather slowed its sales, and the company's financial services division faced higher loan losses.

The Toronto-based retailer, which sells a broad range of hardware, housewares, clothing and gasoline, said its net income dropped to $85.4 million, from $109.1 million in the third quarter of 2008. Net earnings per share were down to $1.04 from $1.34.

Revenue tumbled six per cent to $2.45 billion from $2.61 billion a year ago.

"Our core business is resilient in the face of challenging seasonal and economic realities."
Stephen Wetmore, CEO Canadian Tire

The company's performance beat analyst estimates of $2.15 billion in revenue and $1.08 per share of adjusted earnings, according to figures compiled by Thomson Reuters.

"Our core business is resilient in the face of challenging seasonal and economic realities … although offset by the overall challenges in financial services," said president and CEO Stephen Wetmore in a release.

In retail, Canadian Tire sales slipped 2.3 per cent as unseasonably cool, wet weather dampened sales of garden and camping equipment. The tighter economy also slowed purchases of decor, electronics and storage products.

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China Moves to unchain currency

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A shop in Shanghai displays a paper cutout of U.S. President Barack Obama. China signaled Thursday that it's ready to allow its currency to rise just days ahead of a visit by Obama. China's central bank said in its quarterly policy report that it will improve the yuan exchange rate formation mechanism by taking into account changes in major currencies and not just the dollar.

New EnCana will keep gas project

ENERGY The gas-focused company that will emerge from EnCana Corp.'s split at the end of the month plans to hang onto an East Coast offshore natural gas project for the time being.

The Deep Panuke platform, which is expected to start producing gas next year, is a departure from the new EnCana's focus on prolific North American shale gas plays.

Deep Panuke is economically viable at today's natural gas prices, said Mike Graham, who will head up the Canadian division of EnCana after the split.

EnCana's breakup is set to become official Nov. 30, provided shareholders vote in favour of the transaction on Nov. 25.

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Linamar sees sales pick up after tough quarter

AUTOS Linamar Corp., a Guelph-based auto parts maker, reported Thursday a third-quarter net loss of $500,000, compared with a year-ago profit of $12 million as sales dropped to $421.1 million from $540.4 million.

The company said its profit excluding one-time items profit was $1.1 million or two cents per share compared with a year-before $14.7 million or 22 cents per share.

Including the charges, Linamar posted a loss of one cent per share compared with a profit of 17 cents per share in the same period of 2008.

"After a very challenging first six months, we are very pleased to see production and sales levels picking up and a return to profitability," Linamar CEO Linda Hasenfratz said.

The company noted that sales increased 11.4 per cent over the second quarter of 2009. Shares in the company were down 42 cents at $15 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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Not alone

- Linamar Corp. has suffered alongside its peers from an unprecedented slump in vehicle sales that saw two major automakers, Chrysler and General Motors, file for bankruptcy protection in the U.S. earlier this year.

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Hornets sack Scott

The New Orleans Hornets have fired coach Byron Scott and named general manager Jeff Bower as his replacement. New Orleans lost 124-104 at Phoenix Wednesday, falling to 3-6 on the season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Clemens 'not serious,' lawyer says

Lawyers for Roger Clemens, left, have filed a motion in federal court to dismiss a defamation lawsuit by the pitcher's former trainer, claiming statements that accused Brian McNamee of trying to shake down Clemens were not serious. One of the lawyers representing Clemens said the pitcher, lawyer Rusty Hardin and others were not serious when they questioned McNamee's mental state. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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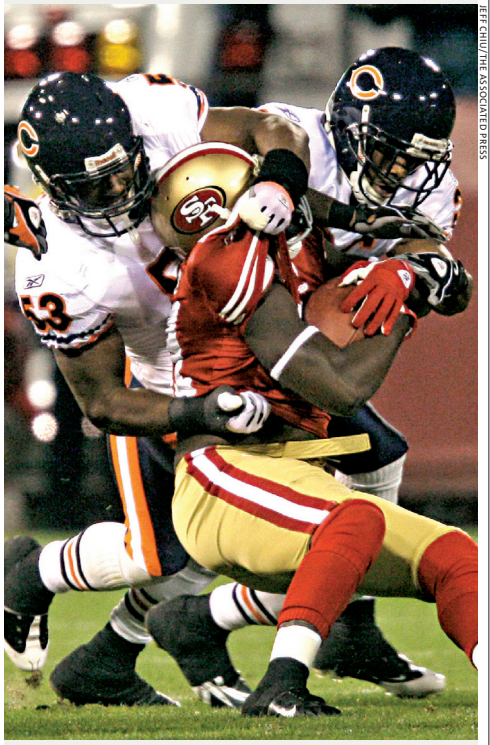
NFL Niners host Bears



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Chicago Bears linebacker Nick Roach, left, and safety Josh Bullocks tackle San Francisco 49ers running back Frank Gore Thursday night in San Francisco. **For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports**

Toskala takes turn

Leafs give the Monster a break in Chicago

NHL PREVIEW

Toronto at Chicago

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What happens when a netminder who has a penchant to give up the first goal early in a game plays a team that is equally strong getting off to fast starts?

Is it a recipe for another Maple Leaf loss? Or an unlikely combination — as in two negatives make a positive — for a Toronto win? The hockey world will find out Friday when Vesa Toskala will get his first start in nearly two weeks against the Blackhawks in Chicago.

"Life is good," Toskala said shortly after getting the nod from coach Ron Wilson about his rare starting assignment. "It'll be nice to play. Lots of good practices behind me me. I feel ready."

Leaf fans better hope so. Toskala (0-2-2) has started five times. He's given up the first goal in four of those starts, at 11:05, 1:17, 3:20 and 16:00 of the first period. In the one game he didn't surrender the first goal, he allowed Montreal to tie the game 1:23 after the Leafs had taken a rare 1-0 lead.

The Blackhawks, meanwhile, are 8-2-1 at home, and have scored first in eight of their 10 home games, usually within the first 10 minutes.

"When you play in Chicago, you've got to weather the storm in the first five minutes," said Wilson. "They get all fired up from the crowd, they feed off that energy.

"If you can play well in the first five minutes, it settles into a game. But you can find yourself down quick and it's hard to get back into it. Essentially, you've got to take the crowd out by having a good start yourself."

Toskala's gaudy goals-against average (5.13) and his ugly save percentage (.836) leaves him little currency among Leaf fans, so it is perhaps the smarter thing to do to play him on the road.

As promising as Jonas Gustavsson has been, the Leafs continue to count on Toskala to rebound from his woeful 2008-09 campaign.

"You want Vesa to play well. I don't want to have to be worrying that we only have one goalie capable of winning," said Wilson. "I know Vesa can play well. I think he's more than ready."

Toskala has played just once since Oct. 13, and would love to play more. It certainly wasn't in the plans that he missed five games with an injured knee, an injury that gave Gustavsson a chance to show what he could do.

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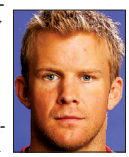
Komisarek to miss 3 weeks

INJURY The Toronto Maple Leafs expect to be without hard-hitting defenceman Mike Komisarek for three weeks after placing him on injured reserve Thursday with a quadriceps injury.

Defenceman Carl Gunnarsson was recalled from the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League to help cover in his absence, while tough-guy forward Jay Rosehill was assigned to the Marlies on a conditioning loan.



Mike Komisarek

Komisarek left Tuesday's 5-2 loss to the Minnesota Wild in the first period after logging just six shifts and 2:47 of ice time.

He was initially injured during Saturday's 5-1 win over Detroit, shutting it down after the second period that night.

Signed to a $22.5-million US, five-year deal in the summer, Komisarek has no points, 31 penalty minutes and is a minus-9 in 16 games this season.

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United manager suspended
Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has been banned from the bench for four games and fined 20,000 pounds ($34,700 Cdn) for criticizing the fitness of referee Alan Wiley after a Premier League game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

SILVER SLUGGERS Second baseman Aaron Hill and designated hitter Adam Lind of the Toronto Blue Jays were awarded the American League silver slugger awards for their positions on Thursday. Hill hit 36 home runs, 37 doubles and drove in 108 runs while posting a .286 batting average in 2009. Lind hit 35 home runs, 46 doubles, 114 RBIs and had a batting average of .305.

OLYMPICS ESPN secured the South American broadcast rights to the 2010 and 2012 Olympics Thursday in a deal worth about $10 million US. ESPN takes over from the Iberoamericana Television Organization (OTI) group of networks, which broadcast each summer Olympics since the 1992 Barcelona Games. The rights, sold by the International Olympic Committee, cover the 2010 Vancouver Games and the 2012 London Olympics.

FORMULA ONE Former Renault boss Flavio Briatore will demand one million euros ($1.56 million Cdn) in damages from Formula One's world governing body when he appeals against his indefinite ban from the sport later this month. The Guardian newspaper on Thursday said Briatore will also say that former FIA president Max Mosley was "blinded by an excessive desire for personal revenge" when the governing body handed down the ban in September. The Guardian said it had seen documents that outlined Briatore's appeal.

HOCKEY NHL commissioner Gary Bettman reinstated Henry Samueli as owner of the Anaheim Ducks Thursday, lifting a ban imposed two summers ago after the billionaire philanthropist's guilty plea to a felony count of lying to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Samueli's wife Susan also returned to active status as co-owner of the Ducks.

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Michael Bisping, left, and Canadian middleweight Denis Kang square off at Thursday's news conference for UFC 105 in Manchester, England.

Something to prove

Bisping, Kang square off in UFC main event

BARRETT HOOPER
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It's impossible to look at Michael Bisping and not picture Dan Henderson's right fist turning his smug mug into a cubist painting — the eyes rolling back, the nose flattening, the jaw shifting violently sideways as the lights go out.

It was one of the most brutal knockouts in UFC history, compounded by Henderson's flying forearm across his unconscious opponent's chin "to shut him up," and it would have left an ordinary person eating through a straw for weeks.

So the biggest question that Saturday's UFC 105 will answer isn't whether hall of famer Randy Couture can still fight at age 46, or whether Mike Swick will earn his title shot against Georges St. Pierre, but how will this once-cocky British fighter respond when he steps back into the octagon for the first time since being literally turned into a punchline four months ago?

Bisping will face Denis Kang, a 32-year-old Vancouver native who now calls Montreal home, in a crucial middleweight bout for both fighters.

Bisping, who has a huge fan base thanks to his two appearances on The Ultimate Fighter reality series, first as a fighter and then a coach, was on track for a title shot until he stepped in front of the Henderson express. So he needs a win both to dispel any lingering doubts about his abilities and to stay in the hunt for champion Anderson Silva.

Likewise, Kang, a former PRIDE FC star with 44 fights under his belt, was unremarkable in his first two UFC bouts and needs to prove he's a legitimate threat in the weight division.

He's got incredible striking skills and a black belt in jiu-jitsu but he's yet to perform the way he did against Akihiro Gono or Murilo (Ninja) Rua (brother of Mauricio (Shogun) Rua). But unlike Bisping, he doesn't have a highlight reel knockout loss on permanent replay in his head and that could be the deciding factor.

Germany goalkeeper Robert Enke's burial set for Sunday

SOCCER Robert Enke, the Germany goalkeeper who was killed after throwing himself in front of a train, will be buried Sunday in a small ceremony near his home following a memorial service at the Hannover stadium.

Hannover spokesman Andreas Kuhnt confirmed the details Thursday, with the burial near Neustadt, outside Hannover, following Sunday morning's memorial service.

Robert Enke

The entire national team will attend the service, the German football federation said, and will be joined by former coaches Juergen Klinsmann and Rudi Voeller, along with several players not in the current Germany squad.

In the wake of Enke's death, his club urged football to rethink how it deals with the possible problems of its stars and to be more open about them.

Enke took his own life Tuesday evening when he stepped in front of a train near his Hannover home.

His widow, Teresa, went on national television a day later to reveal that Enke had been suffering from depression for six years but did not want it to be known.

"It was a free decision by Mrs. Enke. I think she wanted to make the public aware of this subject," Hannover club president Martin Kind said. "We must learn how to open ourselves."

Kind was speaking after attending a religious service Wednesday evening.

Later, about 35,000 people took part in a silent march to city's stadium.

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Cowboys, dark horses and alpine medal hopes

The time is at hand. In the Canadian West they are praying for snow and alpine glory. The Olympics on the home hill are just around the corner.

Dark horses and Canadian cowboys are licking their chops at what might happen on the first day of competition. The men's downhill is one of the most coveted prizes at any Olympics and in Whistler it could mean an early end to the drought that has seen Canada emerge from hosting two sets of Games without earning a gold medal.

"Depth means if the guy who is supposed to win doesn't, then there's someone else to back him up," Ken Read said of the current men's speed team. "It means you're not relying on just one guy."

Read knows.

As the leader of the Crazy Canucks, he was touted to win a medal — maybe gold — at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid. That was until his binding popped off just out of the start gate. No matter, Steve Podborski, his younger teammate, came through with bronze and became a Canadian legend in the process.

This time, the Canadians will send a full complement of downhill demons to the start gate at Whistler. They have four spots in the elite field and the team that unabashedly refers to itself as the Canadian Cowboys has five guys who will scrap for a chance to be on the roster that could win on friendly snow.

The list is impressive.

Erik Guay of Mont Tremblant, Que., has scored 10 World Cup podium finishes. Calgary's John Kucera is the current world champion. Manny Osborne-Paradis has won before and is physically suited to the course. Robbie Dixon grew up skiing at Whistler. He's young, hungry and on the rise.

Which leaves Jan Hudec. A former world championship silver medallist and champion of the World Cup at Lake Louise, Hudec is coming off his sixth reconstructive knee surgery. He's the dark horse, but completely undaunted

"The Canadians will send a full complement of downhill demons to the start gate at Whistler."

"It hurt," Hudec admitted of his latest operation, which robbed him of the pre-Olympic season. "It hurt emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually, but if the pain gets me to the Olympics it will have been worth it."

Revealing words — gutsy.

It all means dark horses and Canadian cowboys are in for a wild ride at Whistler come February.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Sports in brief

TFC Dwayne De Rosario, Toronto FC's leading scorer with a club-record 11 goals, has been named the team's most valuable player. The Scarborough native also picked up the golden boot award as leading scorer. The team awards also included keeper Stefan Frei as defender of the year and captain Jim Brennan as humanitarian of the year.

BASKETBALL The Toronto Raptors released guard Quincy Douby Thursday. He had been on the inactive list since Oct. 28 and did not appear in any regular-season games. Douby averaged 3.0 points, 1.7 assists and 10.5 minutes in six pre-season outings. Douby, who joined the Raptors last March, appeared in seven games with the Raptors.

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Jays beef up scouting staff

The Toronto Blue Jays continued to remake their scouting department by hiring four new people and promoting three others Thursday.

Joining the club are Gary Rajsich as professional crosschecker, Brandon Mozley as a regional crosschecker, Brian Parker as a professional scout and Dan Cox as an area scout.

Tom Burns, Dan Cholowsky and Matt Briggs were promoted to regional crosscheckers.

Rajsich was a pro scout with the Texas Rangers the past three seasons and spent 12 years with the Boston Red Sox before that.

Mozley rejoins the Blue Jays after three seasons with the Chicago Cubs. He signed top prospect Travis Snider during his first stint in Toronto.

Burns has been with the Blue Jays since 2004 and has signed several players currently in the system, most notably lefty Brett Cecil.

Briggs also joined the club in 2004 and signed leading prospects J.P. Arencibia, Brad Emaus and 2009 first-rounder Chad Jenkins.

Cholowsky joined the Blue Jays in 2006 and players he's signed include lefty Brad Mills.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	PT
d-Washington	18	11	3	4	26
d-New Jersey	16	12	4	0	24
d-Buffalo	15	10	4	1	21
Pittsburgh	18	12	6	0	24
N.Y. Rangers	18	10	7	1	21
Philadelphia	14	9	4	1	19
Ottawa	15	8	5	2	18
Boston	17	8	7	2	18
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N.Y. Islanders	18	6	6	6	18
Tampa Bay	15	6	4	5	17
Montreal	18	8	10	0	16
Atlanta	14	7	6	1	15
Florida	15	5	9	1	11
TORONTO	**16**	**3**	**8**	**5**	**11**
Carolina	17	2	12	3	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	PT
d-San Jose	19	13	4	2	28
d-Colorado	19	12	4	3	27
d-Chicago	17	10	5	2	22
Calgary	16	11	4	1	23
Los Angeles	18	10	6	2	22
Phoenix	17	10	7	0	20
Columbus	17	9	6	2	20
Dallas	17	7	4	6	20
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Vancouver	19	10	9	0	20
Detroit	16	8	5	3	19
Edmonton	19	8	9	2	18
St. Louis	16	6	6	4	16
Nashville	16	7	8	1	15
Anaheim	16	6	8	2	14
Minnesota	17	7	10	0	14

THURSDAY

Florida at Boston
Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers
Ottawa at Philadelphia
New Jersey at Pittsburgh
Minnesota at Tampa Bay
Vancouver at Detroit
Nashville at St. Louis
Montreal at Phoenix
Dallas at San Jose

FRIDAY

Minnesota at Washington
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina
Anaheim at Columbus
Calgary at Buffalo
Los Angeles at Atlanta
TORONTO at Chicago

SATURDAY

Calgary at **TORONTO**
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa
Washington at New Jersey
Buffalo at Philadelphia
N.Y. Islanders at Florida
Anaheim at Detroit
Boston at Pittsburgh
Los Angeles at Tampa Bay
San Jose at St. Louis
Montreal at Nashville
Dallas at Phoenix
Vancouver at Colorado

SUNDAY

Minnesota at Carolina
Edmonton at Atlanta
San Jose at Chicago

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NFL

AFC

EAST

	W	L	T	PCT
New England	6	2	0	.750
N.Y. Jets	4	4	0	.500
Miami	3	5	0	.375
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375

SOUTH

	W	L	T	PCT
Indianapolis	8	0	0	1.000
Houston	5	4	0	.556
Jacksonville	4	4	0	.500
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250

NORTH

	W	L	T	PCT
Cincinnati	6	2	0	.750
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500
Cleveland	1	7	0	.125

WEST

	W	L	T	PCT
Denver	6	2	0	.750
San Diego	5	3	0	.625
Oakland	2	6	0	.250
Kansas City	1	7	0	.125

NFC

EAST

	W	L	T	PCT
Dallas	6	2	0	.750
Philadelphia	5	3	0	.625
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0	.556
Washington	2	6	0	.250

SOUTH

	W	L	T	PCT
New Orleans	8	0	0	1.000
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625
Carolina	3	5	0	.375
Tampa Bay	1	7	0	.125

NORTH

	W	L	T	PCT
Minnesota	7	1	0	.875
Green Bay	4	4	0	.500
Chicago	4	4	0	.500
Detroit	1	7	0	.125

WEST

	W	L	T	PCT
Arizona	5	3	0	.625
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375
Seattle	3	5	0	.375
St. Louis	1	7	0	.125

TODAY

Chicago at San Francisco

SUNDAY

Buffalo at Tennessee
Denver at Washington
Tampa Bay at Miami
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
New Orleans at St. Louis
Atlanta at Carolina
Detroit at Minnesota
Kansas City at Oakland
Dallas at Green Bay
Philadelphia at San Diego
Seattle at Arizona
New England at Indianapolis

MONDAY

Baltimore at Cleveland

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	8	1	.889	-
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	3.5
TORONTO	**4**	**4**	**.500**	**3.5**
New York	1	8	.111	7
New Jersey	0	8	.000	7.5

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	6	1	.857	-
Atlanta	6	2	.750	.5
Orlando	6	3	.667	1
Charlotte	3	5	.375	3.5
Washington	2	6	.250	4.5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	-
Cleveland	5	3	.625	-
Chicago	4	4	.500	1
Detroit	4	4	.500	1
Indiana	3	3	.500	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	5	3	.625	-
Houston	5	3	.625	-
San Antonio	4	3	.571	.5
New Orleans	3	6	.333	2.5
Memphis	1	8	.111	4.5

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	6	3	.667	-
Portland	6	3	.667	-
Oklahoma City	4	4	.500	1.5
Utah	3	5	.375	2.5
Minnesota	1	8	.111	5

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Phoenix	8	1	.889	-
L.A. Lakers	6	1	.857	1
Sacramento	4	4	.500	3.5
L.A. Clippers	3	6	.333	5
Golden State	2	5	.286	5

THURSDAY

Cleveland at Miami
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers

FRIDAY

New Jersey at Orlando
Utah at Philadelphia
Golden State at New York
Atlanta at Boston
Dallas at Minnesota
Portland at New Orleans
Houston at Sacramento
L.A. Lakers at Denver
TORONTO at L.A. Clippers

Hudson agrees to deal with Braves

Tim Hudson has agreed to a new three-year contract with the Atlanta Braves. Hudson could have returned to the Braves under a $12-million US mutual option, but the two sides focused on talks for a longer deal. They worked out a deal through 2012, with a club option for 2013. Terms of the new contract are not yet available. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Woods a hit in visit Down Under

GOLF Seve Benson has never seen so many people on a golf course. Some 10,000 fans lined both sides of the 10th fairway Thursday morning as the sun was still climbing over Melbourne.

Never mind that they didn't come to watch him.

Tiger Woods, who teed off behind the 23-year-old Englishman, made the Australian Masters feel like the one at Augusta National. Tournament officials said 21,356 people came through the turnstiles, an enormous crowd for the size of this golf course. Most of them scooped up tickets months ago after learning the world's No. 1 golfer would compete Down Under for the first time in 11 years.

Woods delivered a performance that matched the hype, even if it fell slightly short of his own standards.

Despite a few loose shots with short irons and spending most of the round lag putting on greens that were softer than he expected, Woods had a birdie chance on every hole except his last, easily handled the par 5s, nearly drove one of the par 4s and wound up in a three-way tie for the lead at 6-under 66.

He was tied with Branden Grace of South Africa and James Nitties, an Australian who easily kept his PGA Tour card after his rookie season in America.

Nitties gets extra credit for his 66 because he had to play behind Woods and deal with hordes of fans.

Fans lined up at the gate and stretched 200 yards down the road at dawn, and it took some 45 minutes for cars to move a quarter of a mile down Kingston Road. Told that he was responsible for a traffic jam, Woods laughed. "I was stuck in it, too," he said.

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Long time gone

- Tiger Woods is playing the Australian Masters for the first time since 1997 — two months before his 12-shot victory at Augusta National that set off the first big wave of Tigermania. Australians haven't seen him since the 1998 Presidents Cup.

Lack of sleep a factor for Murray in Masters loss

TENNIS A tired Andy Murray lost to Radek Stepanek 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 Thursday in the third round of the Paris Masters.

The fourth-seeded Murray looked sluggish in the last two sets and couldn't overcome a lack of sleep following his three-set win over James Blake that ended at 1:45 a.m. local time Thursday.

"It's obviously limited recovery after a long match," the 22-year-old Murray said. "It's 4 a.m. by the time you get to bed. So it's not perfect preparation for a match. But you still come out and you try and give it your best shot. Wasn't good enough."

Murray, who won his sixth title of the season last week in Valencia, had never lost a set against Stepanek in their three previous meetings. After dominating the first set, the Wimbledon semifinalist was broken early in the second and never recovered. Stepanek will face either Fernando Gonzalez or Juan Martin Del Potro.

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Andy Murray

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Opportunities abound in Series

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Stefan Della Rovere knows first-hand what an appearance in the Subway Super Series can do for you.

The 19-year-old forward from Barrie used a last-minute invite to the Canadian Hockey League showcase last November to propel himself into a job as a key role player for Team Canada at the IIHF world junior championship.

He ultimately helped Canada capture a fifth straight gold medal.

"I just tried to prove myself there and that got me invited to camp and I made the most of it," said Della Rovere. "It was a stepping stone for my career and a dream come true."

Dozens of Canadian hockey hopefuls will look to follow in Della Rovere's footsteps starting Monday, when the annual six-part Super Series opens with the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League hosting Russia in Drummondville, Que.

This is the seventh year the CHL has held the Super Series, formerly known as the ADT Canada-Russia Challenge.

More than 80 hopefuls will get a look, a much larger group than the one that reported to August's evaluation camp.

"Anybody in this game has an opportunity to showcase themselves for our program," said Hockey Canada's head scout, Al Murray.

"They can move themselves up our charts."

Canada has won 30 of 36 contests with Russia, while the Ontario Hockey League remains a perfect 12-0.

Della Rovere, a Washington Capitals draft choice, will participate in the Super Series again this year, although he won't be flying under the radar this time around.

Along with the likes of Jordan Eberle and Ryan Ellis, he will be among a handful of returnees who will lead the charge for a six-peat.

But there are more than a dozen jobs up for grabs. Taylor Hall, a Windsor Spitfires forward who could go No. 1 in the 2010 NHL draft, is among the new faces to watch.

"It's a great opportunity to look at the top 80 or 90 players that are eligible for our team against a real quality opponent," Murray said.

"It's a very effective evaluation tool."

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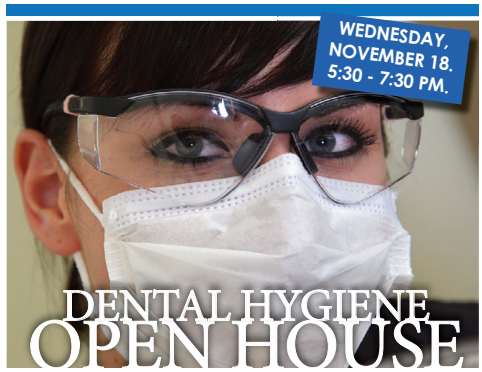
Stefan Della Rovere, right, of Team Canada congratulates Dustin Tokarski after defeating Team Sweden in the gold medal game at the IIHF world junior championships at Scotiabank Place earlier this year. Della Rovere earned a spot on Team Canada with a strong showing at last year's Super Series.



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Movies

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Fanning showing teeth

Child star plays dreaded vampire in New Moon

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When child star and avid Twilight fan Dakota Fanning signed on to play on of the dreaded Volturi in New Moon, the second film in the blockbuster vampire franchise, she knew what she was looking forward to most: Wearing those creepy red contact lenses.

"I was really excited about that," the 15-year-old says. "It makes anyone look automatically kind of evil."

For newcomers, the colour of the eyes of Twilight vampires denote what kind of blood they feed on — golden for animal blood, red for human. Scary as they are, though, they couldn't be terribly comfortable, right?

"You get used to it after awhile," Fanning says. "You can see pretty good, but it's still kind of weird."

Fanning's vampire, Jane, is one of the most feared in the four-book series by Stephenie Meyer. She is an angelic-looking young lady with the power to cause people intense pain just by glancing at them.

"It was fun to get to play a kind of feared character, something different from what I've done before," Fanning admits. "She uses her power not for good, which was another thing that was kind of interesting to me."

The idea of having some kind of special ability piqued Fanning's interest as well.

"If I could have any power, it would be to read people's thoughts," she admits.

Of course, joining a franchise already in progress can be tough, especially when it's something as successful as the Twilight series.

"With a cast that already knew each other really well, you always are kind of the new kid coming in," Fanning says. "But they were just so nice and so welcoming and just a really great cast. So it was hard to be starstruck, even though you're such big fans of them and excited to meet them. But they're just so nice and you become friends pretty quick."

She particularly became friends with series star Kristen Stewart, which was convenient since the two young actresses would end up spending much of the last year together, co-starring in New Moon and Eclipse as well as the upcoming Runaways, about the all-girl punk band where Joan Jett got her start.

"It was really great making Runaways with her after New Moon," Fanning says.

"We became really good friends and really close throughout all the experiences we've had this year. I couldn't ask for a better person to do three movies in a row with than her."

Having been acting since a tender age, Fanning has been trying to get as much of a normal adolescence as possible — and she was recently crowned homecoming princess at her L.A.-area high school. "I'm a junior, so you can't be the queen," she explains.

"I think it's really great to have that balance," Fanning says.

"I was lucky that I was able to go to a school that lets me leave."

But she as successful as she's been at balancing her two worlds, she doesn't necessarily have a lot advice for other young actors.

"I don't know if there's a how-to guide to how I balance it," she admits. "It's just kind of happened."

New Moon hits theatres next week

Dakota Fanning stars in New Moon, the sequel to the box-office smash Twilight.

On the web

- Visit metronews.ca to meet more of the fearsome Volturi vampire clan in a Metro-exclusive video featurette.

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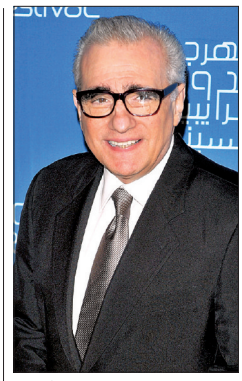

Martin Scorsese

Scorsese up for DeMille award

HONOUR Director Martin Scorsese is receiving the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement at the Golden Globes.

The award will be presented to Scorsese at the 67th annual Globes on Jan. 17.

Scorsese turns 67 next week and is an Academy Award winner for directing on The Departed and a two-time Golden Globe winner for that film and Gangs of New York. He also was nominated for Oscars and Globes for such films as Raging Bull, Goodfellas and The Aviator.

Past winners of the DeMille award include last year's recipient, Steven Spielberg, along with Warren Beatty, Anthony Hopkins and Michael Douglas.

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Serratos strips for PETA
The Twilight Saga actress Christian Serratos is the latest in a long line of celebrities to bare all for PETA's anti-fur campaign. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Long's nerdy side

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Justin Long is no stranger to being animated — he voices Alvin in the Alvin and the Chipmunks movies, after all — but playing a little green man in Planet 51 was still a new experience for him.

Luckily his character, Lem, the awkward teen who discovers and hides an alien (actually a U.S. astronaut voiced by Dwayne Johnson), was easy for Long to relate to. "I was — shockingly — a bit of a nerd in high school," Long admits. "I was a little socially awkward. I wasn't as smart, though, sadly. Lem is a lot brighter than me."

The biggest surprise for Long was how much work he had to do to manipulate his voice to play Lem in the film, which opens next week.

"We did the movie over the course of several years, during which time I went through puberty, apparently," Long says with a laugh. "My voice coach said that my voice over the last couple of years has gotten deeper. I don't know what happened. But I was playing a teenager, so I pitched up."

With 11 film credits in 2009 alone, Long has been busy — and that doesn't count those Mac ads or his occasional pop-ins at Saturday Night Live.

"I gesticulate a lot, usually very effeminately."
Actor Justin Long

He's been seen in a number of comedies, including He's Just Not That Into You and Funny People, but what really got the young actor some attention this year was his work in Sam Raimi's Drag Me to Hell. But Long's just happy he didn't stink up the screen.

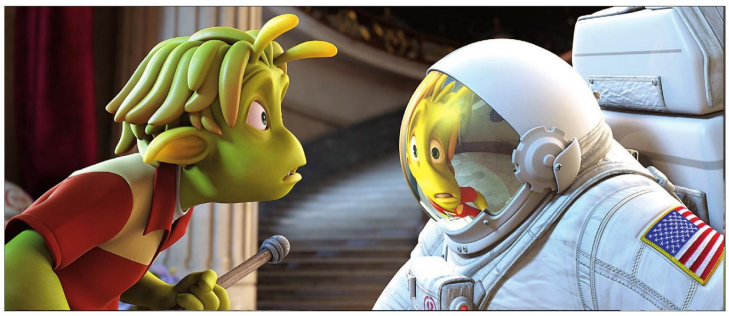
"My biggest fear was just being caught in a dishonest moment. There's nothing worse than bad horror acting," he says.

"I have such a respect for actors who are able to give such convincing horror movie performances. It really is exhausting, because it's your whole body. It is just gruelling. You go home every night so drained emotionally. But in Drag Me to Hell, it was really Alison Lohman. I was just the boyfriend."

And Long says he's looking forward to more animation — he'll be heard soon in Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel — because he doesn't have to worry so much about his hands.

"I gesticulate a lot, usually very effeminately," he jokes. "It was a nice freedom to have in the room. I could just kind of wildly use my hands and body and not be afraid of what it looked like."

Planet 51 opens in theatres next week



Justin Long voices the character of nerdy teen Lem, left, in Planet 51.

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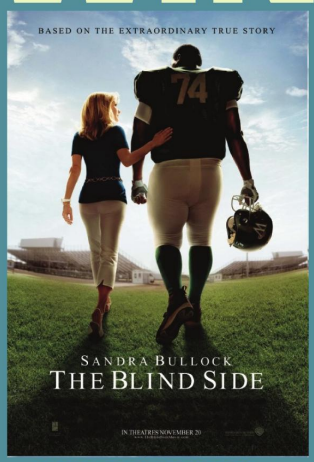

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Travolta, Cruise eye Butch Cassidy

John Travolta and Tom Cruise, left, are keen to remake Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. The Pulp Fiction actor has been talking to Cruise about the project. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Dark side of Prom Night

Prom Night in **Mississippi**

Director: Paul Saltzman
Stars: Morgan Freeman
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Prom Night in Mississippi explores the repressed racism that still weighs heavy on America.

When I have mentioned its title, countless people have told me Prom Night in Mississippi sounds like a horror movie. And in a way, it is.

After all, when Canadian filmmaker Paul Saltzman discovered that a high school in the American South still had racially-segregated proms in 2008, he was shocked enough to enlist actor and local resident Morgan Freeman to pitch the institute an offer they couldn't refuse — integrate the prom and he'll pay.

From there, the intriguing documentary follows a selection of students and a few parents as they spend the next four months preparing for the auspicious event. But not everyone is pleased. Some students willingly back out while a group of parents plan a separate whites-only prom.

It's an eye-opening documentary that pulls the curtain back on the repressed racism that still weighs heavy on America and more shockingly, on the influence of the young. While Saltzman keeps it positive and hopeful, Prom Night definitely could've used a more rounded field of subjects — namely those racists who, he admits, wouldn't give him the time of day.

Still, Saltzman's movie is thoughtful, intimate and even judicious. While recent reports have shown that American schools are actually becoming less racially integrated, one can only hope Prom Night in Mississippi will be a horror film that does not require a sequel.

Autism documentary lacks dramatic flow

The Horse **Boy**

Director: Michael Orion Scott
Stars: Rupert Isaacson
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

A scene from The Horse Boy.

REVIEW When little Rowan Isaacson was diagnosed with autism, his parents Rupert and Kristin were shocked by medical practitioners' inability to explain the condition.

Instead of becoming frustrated by their son's inconsolable tantrums, the well-traveled couple saw Rowan's autism as a "gateway to adventure" and set off to Mongolia where Rupert (who previously witnessed shamanic healing as a journalist) sought refuge for his son in the nation where shamanism is a "state religion."

As such, The Horse Boy documents the family's extraordinary journey riding horseback across the Mongolian plains, enduring bizarre shamanic rituals and visiting "healing springs."

The result is stunning, even if the film's insights are not.

With some pacing problems and little tension, The Horse Boy succeeds more as a testament to parental love than it does as cinematic drama.

However, with a charming trio of loving subjects and some slyly-placed experts discussing the nature of autism, The Horse Boy will surely enlighten audiences if not fully answer the elusive questions that plagued the Isaacson family in the first place.

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Quinto headed North for rom-com

Zachary Quinto — who plays Spock in the new Star Trek — may appear in an independent Canadian romantic comedy-drama called Whirligig EMPIREONLINE.COM.

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Antichrist pushes limits

Antichrist

Director: Lars Von Trier
Stars: Willem Dafoe, Charlotte Gainsbourg
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Cinema's leading provocateur Lars Von Trier returns with Antichrist, a film in which the director seems to be daring his audience to run out of the theatre.

The movie is alienating in almost every conceivable way. It contains some of the most graphic and unsettling images ever captured on film, while also featuring a series of oblique metaphors and symbols that are hard to grasp as well as long winded dialogue scenes that are nearly impossible to follow.

It will be despised by many, but shouldn't be ignored. As challenging as Antichrist might be, it's clearly the work of a major artist pushing the boundaries of film form, content, and good taste.

Charlotte Gainsbourg stars in Antichrist.

Willem Dafoe and Charlotte Gainsbourg star as an unnamed couple (billed only as "he" and "she" in the credits) whose child dies due to their negligence. Crushed by the event, the pair move to a cabin in the woods to deal with their martial woes.

Dafoe's psychiatrist attempts to help his wife deal with her problems before the situation gradually turns nasty. Antichrist is a complex film juggling a variety of issues and themes. It is at once an attack on psychiatry, a comment on the accusations of misogyny frequently thrown at Von Trier, an art house horror movie, and more.

One thing the movie isn't is fun, but the tough experience does hold rewards for audiences willing to put themselves through it.

Von Trier has publicly stated that Antichrist was made during a bout of depression and that translates to the screen.

The filmmaker is clearly attacking institutions and ideas that bother him, unloading disturbing images from the deepest recesses of his brain, and deliberately punishing his audience in all the ways that a director can.

Fans of the filmmaker's bleak worldview will find a great deal of powerful material in the movie and all audiences should appreciate the gorgeous cinematography, impressive acting, and directorial skill on display.

Antichrist will be dismissed by some, analyzed for days by others, and forgotten by no one. Just don't bring the kids. They don't need that.

Emotional punch powers Savagery

Love and Savagery

Director: John N. Smith
Stars: Allan Hawco, Sarah Greene
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Love And Savagery is a small and simple movie that won't overload your senses with spectacle, but will crawl under your skin and quietly move you if you let it in.

Based on a book of poetry by screenwriter Des Walsh, the film has a plot but is more about emotions, characters, and place. It is a tale of unrequited love as well as a love letter to Ireland that captures its location with a sense of authenticity reminiscent of the likes of Local Hero.

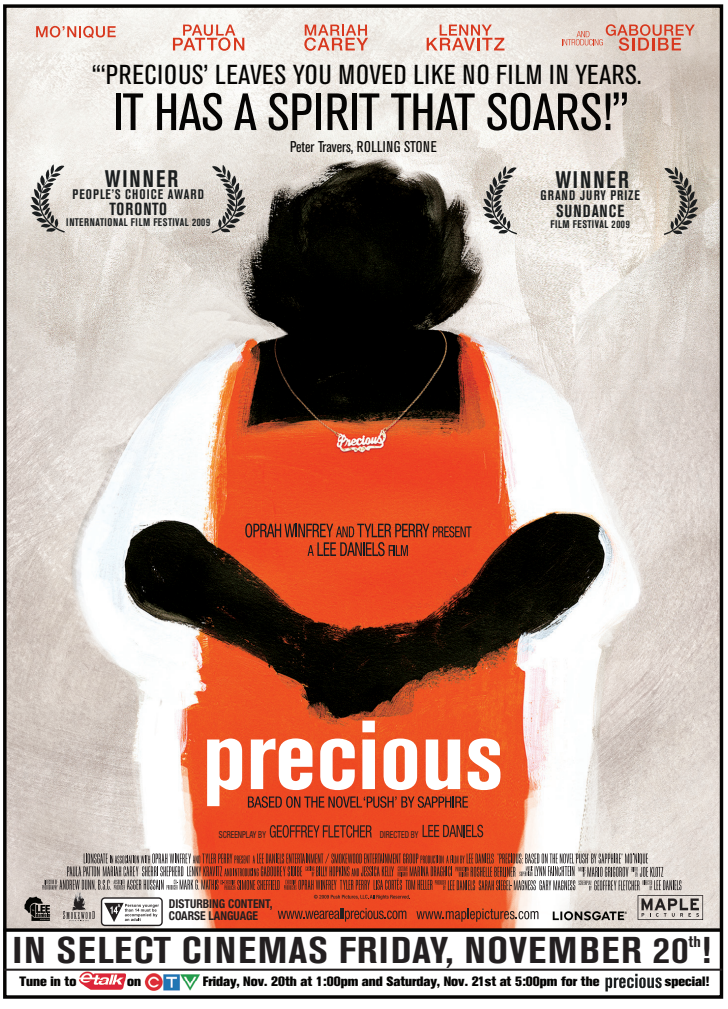
The story can be a little lightweight and predictable, but the emotions are strong enough to carry the occasionally limp narrative.

A young Newfoundland geologist/poet heads to a small town in Ireland to study rare limestone foundation and ends up falling for a local girl.

Unfortunately the community doesn't take kindly to outsiders snatching up their prettiest girl, especially when that girl plans to become a nun. Like all such stories, there can be no happy ending.

It's a well-worn tale, but one performed well enough by the talented lead actors (Allan Hawco and Sarah Green) to give it new life.

Love And Savagery reunites director John N. Smith and writer Des Walsh who previously collaborated on the award-winning TV series The Boys Of St. Vincent and Random Passage. Like those projects, the film boasts a strong sense of place and stinging emotional power.



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DeNiro, Keitel working on reunion

They've only made a handful of films together, but Harvey Keitel and Robert De Niro, left, are reuniting to appear in to the third film in the Meet The Parents series. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Saints action overkill

Boondock Saints 2: **All Saints Day**

Director: Troy Duffy
Stars: Norman Reedus, Sean Patrick Flannery
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Director Troy Duffy adds more testosterone and guns in the sequel to Boondock Saints.

Watching Troy Duffy's mind numbing sequel to his cult hit Boondock Saints is akin to being battered across the face with a raw steak for two interminable hours.

This obnoxiously macho, ultraviolent (and unpleasantly homophobic) bit of smarmy gun porn might please devotees of Duffy's equally vulgar — but far more fun — 1999 original, but all others might just find themselves choking on the sheer overload of aimless testosterone.

Boondock Saints 2: All Saints Day picks up 10 years after the original ended, with deranged, devoutly Catholic Irish brothers/assassins Murphy (Norman Reedus) and Connor (Sean Patrick Flannery) McManus called out of exile in Ireland to go after the Boston-based scumbags that murdered a priest and pinned it on them.

As the lads reconnect with their old crew and pick up an enthusiastic Mexican sidekick (Crank 2's Clifton Collins Jr.), tons of bullets meet blood-spattered bones, and even more sexist and moronic barbs are exchanged.

For all its fetish-filled, slow motion action, patience trying flashback sequences and puffed chest bravado, this is really dull stuff. Turns from the great Billy Connelly as the boys' killer-with-a heart-of gold dad and a weird cameo from Peter Fonda are welcome but do little to add interest.

On the plus side, it's great to see a filmmaker who appreciates the ever sexy Julie Benz (TV's Dexter) and doesn't just chuck her into the "suffering woman" sidelines she's usually relegated to (see Rambo, Punisher: War Zone, Saw V etc for typically wasted roles).

Liquor-filled foray into mad misogyny

I Hope They Serve **Beer in Hell**

Director: Bob Gosse
Stars: Matt Czuchry
Classification: STC
Rating: ½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

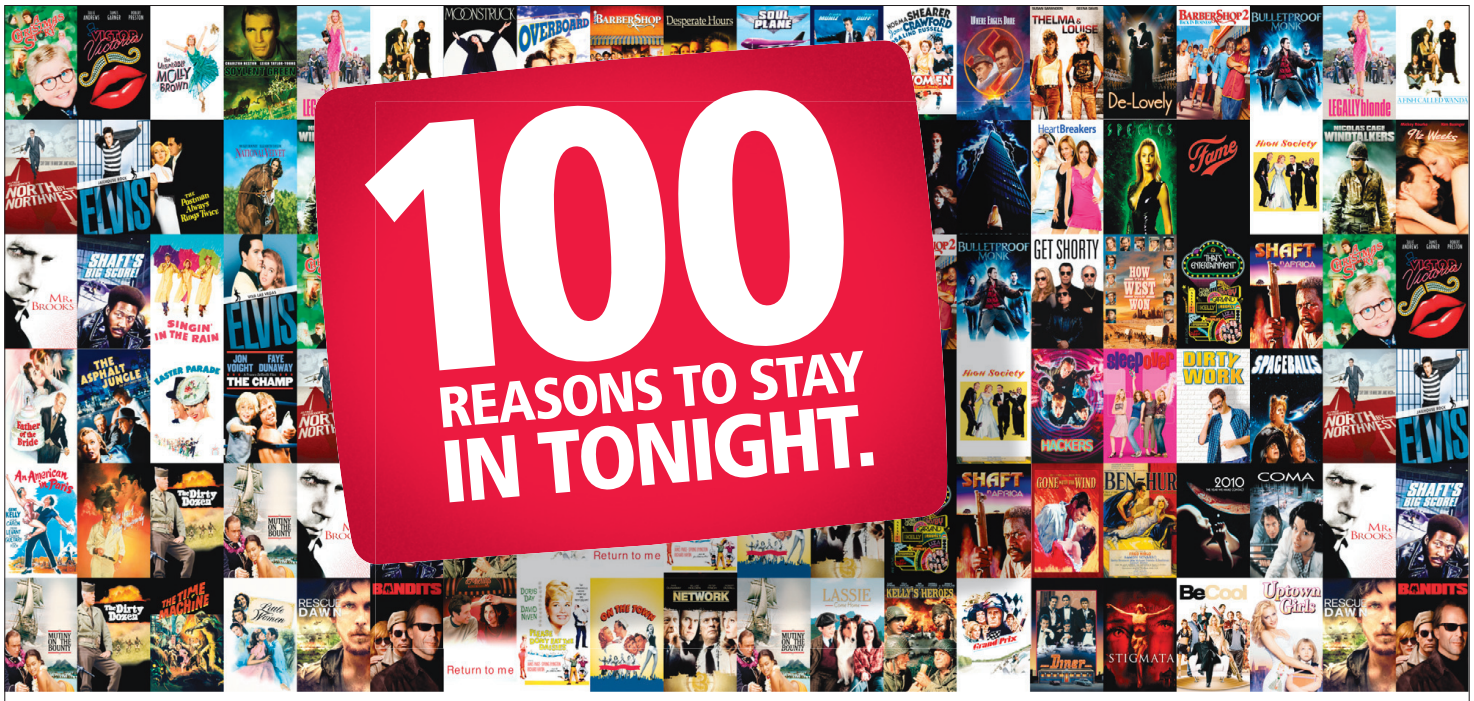
REVIEW Beneath the vile, reprehensible misogynistic sludge that drips wholesale from blogger Tucker Max's first feature film, I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell, is a fascinating portrait of a real life delusional narcissistic sociopath and the brain dead plebs who follow his lead.

The fact that this ugly picture was executive produced by psycho-loving Donnie Darko helmer Richard Kelley speaks volumes.

The film, based on Max's unfortunately bestselling book of the same name, details the misadventures the then 20-something writer (here played by actor Matt Czuchry) and his equally despicable pals encountered while on a pilgrimage to an out of town strip joint to get no-touch lap dances and, in Max's case, to hopefully sleep with a midget prostitute.

As the trio of rich, white, college boy slimeballs both hit on, verbally abuse and objectify every female in their liquor-fuelled path, much forced hilarity and scatological stupidity — the film boasts the most over-the-top poop humor scene in history — ensues.

Max's world is ripe with stereotypes and a smarmy insistence that all women want is to be berated, humiliated and dominated by sniggering, macho sperm donors. His alcohol soaked observations on the vulgar emptiness of the male/female dynamic are both charmless and, ultimately eerie.



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Raimi searching for Black Cat
Sam Raimi has reportedly been auditioning female actresses to play The Black Cat in Spider Man 4. The director has met with actresses Rachel McAdams and Romala Garai, but is still casting the femme fatale. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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John Cusack's character battles stay alive in a world on the verge of collapse in 2012.

Apocalypse wow

2012
Director: Roland Emmerich
Stars: Joh Cusack., Amanda Peet
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Complaining about excess in a Roland Emmerich movie seems a bit silly, but if there's one major problem with 2012, his latest end-of-the-world bonanza, it's that it doesn't know when to say when.

There doesn't seem to be a landmark the director could say no to demolishing, be it Vatican City or the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro. Even the White House, which Emmerich famously exploded in 1996's Independence Day gets wiped out again, this time by having an aircraft carrier smashed into it.

But it's not just destruction that's in excess. Narratively, 2012 is beyond bloated, with far too many characters and plot threads and far too much set up before getting to what people are really there to see.

There are many obvious sections that could've been excised to bring the running time down from its whopping two hours and 40 minutes.

Valuable screen time is wasted on a pair of aging cruise-ship crooners (George Segal and Blu Mankuma) who only seem to be in the movie to add emotional depth to a main character who has plenty already (Chiwetel Ejiofor) and as an excuse to show a cruise ship toppled by a tsunami. To be sure, Emmerich does one thing amazingly well, and that's destroy things in the most elaborate ways possible.

And in that respect, 2012 is definitely an achievement. The extended sequence of John Cusack's escape from a crumbling Los Angeles — first by speeding limousine, then by twin-engine plane — is absolutely mind-blowing, an actual thrill ride.

Emmerich peppers the movie with other gems of our heroes literally outrunning destruction, including great set pieces in Las Vegas and Yellowstone National Park.

Unfortunately, there's a whole lot of movie to wade through to get to those moments. After a brisk opening covering the time between Ejiofor's scientist's discovery of the coming cataclysm in 2009 and its early arrival in 2012, the film slows down considerably with the introduction of Cusack's down-on-his-luck writer and his glum ex-wife (Amanda Peet).

As the dialogue between science folks and world leaders gets more and more cryptic, the audience is left waiting and waiting for stuff to start falling apart.

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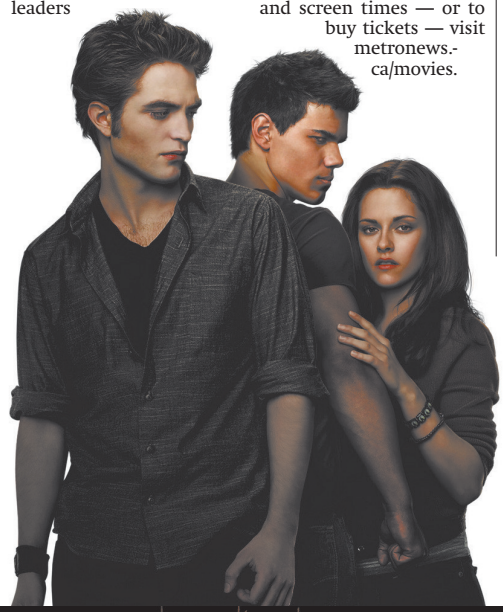

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Stellar cast keeps Pirate Radio afloat

Pirate Radio
Director: Richard Curtis
Stars: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Bill Nighy
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

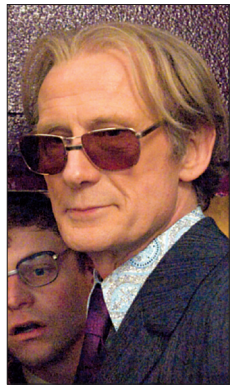
STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW When The Boat That Rocked originally hit British theatres last spring, both reviews and reception were about as cool as the North Sea. So director Richard Curtis cut 20 minutes from the flick, renamed it Pirate Radio and is now hoping North American audiences take the bait like hungry sharks.

Known best for penning such romantic comedies as Notting Hill and Love Actually (which he also directed), Curtis here turns to the very loosely-based true story about a ship stocked with DJs who spin outlawed rock 'n' roll all day and all of the night in the mid-60s.

Led by a boisterous American expatriate (Philip Seymour Hoffman), the ragtag group decides to play on even after the British government calls a moratorium on the unregulated transmissions.

However, as fascinating as that true tidbit of recent English history may be, Curtis instead delivers an homage to the 1960s mainly focusing on the music and frivolity of the era — tossing in an over-the-top stuffed-suit (Kenneth Branagh) and lots of free-love antics that will tonally make you seasick.



Bill Nighy stars in the Brit comedy Pirate Radio.

In that sense, Pirate Radio doesn't broadcast much in the way of a cohesive story but instead delivers a series of random subplots, buddy moments and groovy retro tracks by the likes of The Turtles and The Kinks.

However, with its re-edited cut and an undeniably talented cast that is clearly having fun themselves, Pirate Radio stays afloat just long enough to keep from sinking altogether.

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Kunstler's story told

DOC They grew up in a home like no other — where bullets arrived in the mail and where their father went to the basement to open packages he feared could contain explosives.

That was life for the daughters of the late civil rights lawyer William Kunstler, whose clients ranged from the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and John Gotti. Now, his daughters are telling their stories — and bringing him back to life on film for a new generation.

The documentary, William Kunstler: Disturbing The Universe, by Emily and Sarah Kunstler, is being released at theatres in New York today and Los Angeles this month.

The sisters made the 85-minute film to tell their father's story through the eyes of young girls, who sometimes could not understand his representation of society's most despised. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Iris Chang: The Rape of Nanking (STC) Sun 3:30
Let's Scare Jessica to Death (STC) Thu 9:30
October Country (STC) Wed 6:30-9:15
Rowed Trip: A Journey From Scotland to Syria (STC) Tue 7
Serbian Film Festival (STC) Fri 9:30 Sat 5-7 Sun 7

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-598-2309

The Boys Are Back (PG) Fri-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:55
Bright Star (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-6:55-9:35
Cairo Time (STC) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:15
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4-6:45-9:50
The Damned United (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:25-7:30-9:45
Departures (Japanese w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30
The Informant! (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:25
Inside Hana's Suitcase (STC) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:25-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-7-9:40

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

Amreeka (English & Arabic w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:30-7:30-10 Wed 1:45-4:30-10 Thu 1:45-4:30-7:30-10
Antichrist (R) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:10
Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7-9:50
A Serious Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri-Wed 1:50-4:30-7:20-10:20 Thu 1:15-3:55-7:20-10:20
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Fri-Wed 1:05-6:30 Thu 1:05
Dojoji - A Lover's Duet (STC) Sun 1
Good Hair (PG) Fri-Wed 1-3:30-6:20-9 Thu 1-3:30
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 2:30-6:10-9:50
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:35-9:20
Laugh Out Loud Comedy Festival 2009 (STC) Thu 7
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Wed 1:40-2:10-4:20-4:50-6:50-7:50-9:40-10:30 Thu 1:40-2:10-4:20-4:50-6:50-9:40
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:30-10:15 Fri 1:10-4-6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 6:40-9:30 Mon-Wed 1:10-4-6:40-9:30 Thu 1:10-4
More Than a Game (PG) Fri-Wed 3:40-9:10 Thu 3:40-9:35
Nezumi, The Japanese Robin Hood (STC) Sun 3:30
The Peony Lantern - Cinema Kabuki (STC) Sat 3
Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:10-10
Saw VI (18A) Fri-Thu 2:30-5:10-8-10:30
Triple Lion Dance - Cinema Kabuki (STC) Sat 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:10
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Where the Wild Things Are: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Zombieland (14A) Fri-Thu 2:20-5:7:40-10:10

MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

2012 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Sat 12:50-3-5:7:10-9:10-11:15 Sun-Thu 12:50-3-5:7:10-9:10
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sat 12:45-2:50-4:50-7:9:25-11:25 Sun-Wed 12:45-2:50-4:50-7:9:25 Thu 2:50-4:50-7:9:25 Thu 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-4-6:45-9:20-11:30 Sun-Wed 1:15-4-6:45-9:20
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sat 7:15-9:30-11:40 Sun-Thu 7:15-9:30
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:15-11:35 Sun-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:15
Twilight (PG) Thu 7:30
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Thu 10
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:40

REVUE CINEMA
400 Roncesvalles Ave., 416-531-9959

Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat-Mon 7 Thu 9:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri 4 Sun 4 Thu 6:30
The Journeyman (STC) Sat 4
Mobifest Mobile Film Festival (STC) Tue 7
Naked Frames: Animation and Music Video Series (STC) Fri 9:30
Rain (PG) Wed 7
Up (PG) Fri 2 Sat 1:30 Sun 2
Zombieland (14A) Sat-Mon 9:30 Wed 9:30

THE ROYAL
608 College St., 416-466-4400

Breathless (STC) Sun 8
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Mon-Tue 9:15 Wed-Thu 7
Closing Night Gala: Reel Asian Film Festival (STC) Sun
The Damned United (14A) Mon-Tue 7 Wed-Thu 9:15
The Idiot Cycle (STC) Sat 7
Red Heroine (STC) Fri 8

VARSITY
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

Coco Avant Chanel (French w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Tue 1:10-3:40-6:20-9 Wed 1:10-3:40 Thu 1:10-3:40-6:20-9 Fri-Tue 12:55-3:25-7:15-9:45 Wed 12:55-3:25-9:45 Thu 12:55-3:25-7:15-9:45
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
An Education (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:50-9:20 Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-6:15-8:55
Gone With the Wind (STC) Sat 11
Love & Savagery (STC) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:10-9:40
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-5:7:30-10 Fri-Thu 1:45-4:05-6:35-9:15
Prom Night in Mississippi (STC) Fri 1:30-4:10-9:30 Sat-Thu 1:30-4:10-7-9:30
The September Issue (PG) Fri-Tue 2-4:30-6:40-9:10 Wed 2-4:30 Thu 2-4:30-6:40-9:10 Fri-Thu 1:25-4:35-6:55-9:35
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 12:30-3:20-6:30-8:50 Sat 3:20-6:30-8:50 Sun-Tue 12:30-3:20-6:30-8:50 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:20

CANADA SQUARE
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

Amelia (PG) Fri 4:15-6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:15
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri 4:45-7:25-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:45-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25-10
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 4:50-7:05-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:50-7:05-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:05-9:25
The Horse Boy (PG) Fri 4:30-6:40-9 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-6:40-9 Mon-Wed 4:30-6:40-9
Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:10-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:50
A Serious Man (14A) Fri 4:25-7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:25-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:40
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 4:35-6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:35-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-6:55-9:20

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

Bright Star (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:15 Thu 7
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Sat 9:30 Sun 7 Tue-Wed 7

REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

The Cove (PG) Fri-Sat 9:15 Sun 7 Thu 9:15
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 7 Sat 4:15-7 Sun 4:15 Tue-Thu 7

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10:10 No Passes Fri-Sat 12-3:30-7:10-10:45 No Passes Sun 12:40-4:15-8 No Passes Mon-Thu 1-4:30-8
The Box (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-4:30-7:30-10:20 Sun 1:10-4:30-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:10
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:10-12:50-2:30-4:15-4:50-6:45-7:20-9:30-9:50 No Passes Sun 12:10-12:50-2:30-3:30-4:50-7:10-7:20-9:30-9:40 No Passes Mon-Wed 1:20-2:30-3:50-4:50-7:10-7:20-9:30-9:40 No Passes Thu 1:20-2:30-3:50-4:50-7:10-7:20-9:40
Gone With the Wind (STC) Sat 11
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 12:30-4-7:10 Sat 4-7:10 Sun 12:30-4-7-9:50 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:20-7-9:50 Wed 4:20-7-9:50 Thu 1:40-4:20-7 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sat 1-3:45-6:50-9:40 Sun 1-3:45-6:50-9:10 Mon-Tue 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:10 Wed 4:10-6:50-9:10 Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:15-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 1:10-4-6:40-9:20
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sat 2:15-5:15-7:45-10:30 Sun-Thu 2:15-5:15-7:45-10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10

YONGE & DUNDAS 24
10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

2012 (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:45-2:30-3:15-4-4:45-5:30-6:15-7-7:45-8:30-9:20-10:10-40-11:15-11:45 Special Engagement Sat 10:45-11:30-12:15-1-1:45-2:30-3:15-4-4:45-5:30-6:15-7-7:45-8:30-9:20-10:10-40-11:15-11:45 Special Engagement Sun 10:45-11:30-12:15-1-1:45-2:30-3:15-4-4:45-5:30-6:15-7-7:45-8:30-9:20-10:10-40 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:45-2:30-3:15-4-4:45-5:30-6:15-7-7:45-8:30-9:20-10:10-40
Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (PG) Fri 3-6:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:25-3-6:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 3-6:15-9:45
The Box (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:25-2:25-4:15-5:15-7:10-8:10-10-11 Special Engagement Sat 11:25-1:25-2:25-4:15-5:15-7:10-8:10-10-11 Special Engagement Sun 11:25-1:25-2:25-4:15-5:15-7:10-8:10-10-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:15-5:15-7:10-8:10-10-10:45
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:15-4:55-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Special Engagement Fri 1:30-4-7-9:30-11:45 Special Engagement Sat 10:55-1:30-4-7-9:30-11:45 Special Engagement Sun 10:55-1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-4-7-9:30
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Special Engagement, Digital Fri 1:15-3:45-6:30-9:15 Special Engagement, Digital Sat-Sun 11:35-12-12:30-2-2:45-3:15-4:30-5:30-6-7:15-8-8:45-10-10:45 Digital Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:15 Special Engagement, Digital Fri 2-2:45-3:15-4:30-5:30-6-7:15-8-8:45-10-10:45 Special Engagement, Digital Sat-Sun 10:35-1:15-3:45-6:30-9:15 Digital Mon-Thu 2-2:45-3:15-4:30-5:30-6-7:15-8-8:45-10-10:45
The Fourth Kind (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:45-2:45-4:10-5:10-6:45-7:45-9:20-10:20-11:35 Special Engagement Sat 11:10-12:20-1:45-2:45-4:10-5:10-6:45-7:45-9:20-10:20-11:35 Special Engagement Sun 11:10-12:20-1:45-2:45-4:10-5:10-6:45-7:45-9:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:45-2:45-4:10-5:10-6:45-7:45-9:20-10:20
I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell (18A) Fri 2:55-5:25-7:55-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:25-7:55-10:35
The Informant! (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:10-6:30 Mon 1:50 Tue 1:50-4:10-6:30-9:15 Wed 1:50 Thu 1:50-4:10-6:30
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 1:50-2:55-4:45-5:45-7:25-8:25-9:55-10:55 Sat 10:50-12-1:50-2:55-4:45-5:45-7:25-8:25-9:55-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:50-2:55-4:45-5:45-7:25-8:25-9:55-10:50
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 1:20-2:30-3:30-5-6-7:25-8:25-9:35-10:35-11:45 Sat 10:40-12:10-1:20-2:30-3:30-5-6-7:25-8:25-9:35-10:35-11:45 Sun 10:40-12:10-1:20-2:30-3:30-5-6-7:25-8:25-9:35-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:30-3:30-5-6-7:30-8:15-9:50-10:50
A Serious Man (14A) Fri 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-3-6:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:15-9:15
Heer Ranjha - A True Love Story (STC) Fri 3-6-9:15 Sat-Sun 12-3-6-9:15 Mon-Thu 3-6-9:15

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 12-3:30-7:10-10:45 No Passes Sat 12-12:40-3:30-4:20-7:10-8:10:45 No Passes Sun-Thu 12-12:40-3:30-4:20-7:10-8 No Passes Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10:10
Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-6:15
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:25-7:25-10:30
The Box (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:55-9:50
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:25-6:25-9:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:50-4:30-7:05-9:40 No Passes Wed 4:30-7:05-9:40 No Passes Thu 1:50-4:30-7:05-9:40 No Passes Fri 1:30-4-6:35-9:20-9:55 No Passes Sat-Thu 12:05-1:30-2:30-4-5-6:35-7:30-9:20-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
An Education (PG) Fri-Wed 12:15-3:20-6:20-9:10 Thu 12:15-3:20-9:35
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:20-10:15
Gone With the Wind (STC) Sat 11
Laugh Out Loud Comedy Festival 2009 (STC) Thu 7
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:25
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15-9:55
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:45
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:50-10:20
Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:50-3:55-7:10 No Passes Wed 3:55-7:10 No Passes Thu 12:50-3:55-7:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:30
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:30 Sat 3:40-6:45-9:30 Sun-Wed 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:30 Thu 12:35-3:40-6:45
Zombieland (14A) Fri-Wed 9

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

2012 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:35-6:45-9:55
Aisi Deewangi (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:25
The Box (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-6:55-9:30
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:50-7-9:10
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:50-9:15
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Wed 1:10-4:05-7:05-9:10 Thu 1:10-4:05-7:05
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:35
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-7:15-9:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Thu 10

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 6:30-10:10 No Passes Sat 2-6:30-10:10 No Passes Sun 2-6:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-10
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 5-7:30-10 No Passes Sat 2:30-5-7:30-10 No Passes Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:40 Mon-Wed 6:50-9:40 Thu 6:50
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 4-7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:50
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:40-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Cairo Time (STC) Fri-Mon 7
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Wed 1:30
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (STC) Sat 4:30 Sun 2
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Mon 9 Tue 9:15
Julie & Julia (PG) Sun 4 Tue 7 Thu 7
Lawrence of Arabia (STC) Wed 7
Ponyo (G) Thu 9:15

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Amelia (PG) Fri-Sat 3:40-6:40-9:20 Sun 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:20 Mon-Wed 3:40-6:40-9:20 Thu 3:40-9:35
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri 4:20-7:10-10:10 Sat 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10:05
The Box (14A) Fri 4:15-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun

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1:40-4:15-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:50-9:40

Coco Avant Chanel (French w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 3:50-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:30-9:30

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 4-6:55-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 4-6:55-9:45

An Education (PG) Fri 4:40-7:10 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10

Gone With the Wind (STC) Sat 11

Inside Hana's Suitcase (STC) Fri 3:30-6:20-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:20-9:10

Laugh Out Loud Comedy Festival 2009 (STC) Thu 7

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 5-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 2-5-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:50

Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:20-10:15 No Passes Sat 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:15 No Passes Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:20-10:10

A Serious Man (14A) Fri 4:25-7:15-10:05 Sat 12:55-4:25-7:15-10:05 Sun 12:55-4:25-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:55

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

2012 (14A) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 4-5-6:50-7:30-8:30-10:30-11:10-11:50 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat 1:15-3-4-5-6:50-7:30-8:30-10:30-11:10-11:50 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun 1:15-3-4-5-6:50-7:30-8:30-10:30 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 4-5-6:50-7:30-8:30-10:30

Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 4:20-7-9:30-11:40 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat 1:30-4:20-7-9:30-11:40 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun 1:30-4:20-7-9:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-7-9:30

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 5:10-7:50-10:10 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 2:40-5:10-7:50-10:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 5:10-7:50-10:10

The Fourth Kind (14A) Stadium Seating Fri 4:30-7:10-9:40-11:55 Stadium Seating Sat 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:40-11:55 Stadium Seating Sun 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:40 Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 4:30-7:10-9:40 Stadium Seating Thu 4:30-7:10

The Invention of Lying (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 9:10-11:30 Stadium Seating Sun-Wed 9:10

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Stadium Seating Fri 4:50-7:40-10:20 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 2-4:50-7:40-10:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:20

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 4:40-7:20-10 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:20-10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-10

Paranormal Activity (14A) Stadium Seating Fri 5:20-8-10:05-11:59 Stadium Seating Sat 2:50-5:20-8-10:05-11:59 Stadium Seating Sun 2:50-5:20-8-10:05 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 5:20-8-10:05

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 10

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 4:10-6:40 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:40 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10:10 No Passes Fri-Sat 12-3:30-7:10-10:45 No Passes Sun-Thu 12-3:30-7:10-10:30

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Wed 12:30-4-7-9:45 Thu 12:30-4-7

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-1-2:30-3:45-5-6:45-7:30-9:30-10

The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Wed 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:30 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:15

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40

Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:20-10:20

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12-2-3:30-6:30-7:10-10:10-10:45 No Passes Sun-Thu 12-2-3:30-6:30-8-10:10

The Box (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:30 Sun-Wed 1:40-4:30-7:10-10:05 Thu 1:40-4:30-7:10

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-5-7:30-10

The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-4-7-9:50 Sun-Wed 1:10-4-7-9:45 Thu 1:10-4-7

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:20

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:10-7:20-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:20-9:55

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40

Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-6:50-9:30

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:15

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:25-7-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 2-6:20-10

Aadhavan (Tamil) (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-6-9:30

Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Wed 12:30-3:30-6:10-9 Thu 12:30-3:30-6:10

The Box (14A) Fri-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:10-10:15 Thu 1:15-4:15-10:15

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:40 Sat 3:40-6:50-9:40 Sun-Wed 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:40 Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50

The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45

Gone With the Wind (STC) Sat 11

Laugh Out Loud Comedy Festival 2009 (STC) Thu 7

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:05-10:10

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:20-6:15-9:20 Thu 12:40-3:20-7:10-9:40

Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:15-9:50

Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:20-10:20

Saw VI (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:40-9:10

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12-12:40-2-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:10-8:10-10:40 No Passes Sun 12-12:40-2-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:10-8:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:20-6:30-7:10-8:10-10

Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:35 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:35

The Box (14A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:40-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:35-10:25

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:35

Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:20-6:40-9:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:35-6:40-9:10

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-1:10-2:40-3:50-5:10-7:7:40-9:30-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-5:10-7:7:40-9:30-10:15

The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:30

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:45-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:40

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 2:20-5:7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:20

Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:45-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:50

Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:55-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-6:55-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

Saw VI (18A) Fri-Wed 9:20

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:30

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:15-7:05-9:45 Mon-Wed 4:15-7:05-9:45 Thu 4:15-7:05

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-2-3:30-6:20-7-9:50-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:20-5-6:40-8:40-10

Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:20-6 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:15

The Box (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:05

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 9:10 Mon-Wed 8:50

Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-3:40-7:40-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-7:25-9:45

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:2:20-4:45-7:15-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7-9:15

The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-8:10:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:30

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-9:50

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:30-9

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:4-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-9:40

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:15

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Aisi Deewangi (STC) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri 4-6:50-9:45 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Sat-Sun 1:05-4-6:50-9:45 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:45

The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10

Cairo Time (STC) Fri 2:40-4:55-7:15-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:40-4:55-7:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 2:40-4:55-7:15-9:25

Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10

Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Fri 4:35-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:35-4:35-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:35-9:30

Coco Before Chanel (PG) Fri 2-4:30-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:30-2-4:30-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7:05-9:40

Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Special Engagement Fri 2:30-3:50-5:10-6:30-7:50-9:10-10:20 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:50-1:10-2:30-3:50-5:10-6:30-7:50-9:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:30-3:50-5:10-6:30-7:50-9:10-10:20

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Special Engagement, Digital Fri 4:30-7:10-9:50 Special Engagement, Digital Sat-Sun 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Digital Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50

An Education (PG) Special Engagement Fri 3:20-5:40-8:10:20 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 1:3:20-5:40-8:10:20 Mon-Thu 3:20-5:40-8:10:20

Good Hair (PG) Fri 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15

Heer Ranjha - A True Love Story (STC) Special Engagement Fri 3:15-6:25-9:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:10-3:15-6:25-9:35 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:15-6:25-9:35

I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell (18A) Special Engagement Fri 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:10

The Informant! (14A) Fri-Thu 2:30-7:30

Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 4:15-7:9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:9:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:9:45

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:45-3:30-5:5:45-7:15-8-9:30-10:15 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-12:30-1:15-2:45-3:30-5:5:45-7:15-8-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:45-3:30-5:5:45-7:15-8-9:30-10:15

Prom Night in Mississippi (STC) Special Engagement Fri 3:35-5:45-7:55-10:05 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:15-1:25-3:35-5:45-7:55-10:05 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:35-5:45-7:55-10:05

A Serious Man (14A) Fri 2:25-4:55-7:25-9:50 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:25-9:50

The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-7:05

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 2:05-4:25-6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:05-4:25-6:55-9:20 Mon 2:05-4:25-6:55-9:20 Tue 2:05-9:20 Wed-Thu 2:05-4:25-6:55-9:20

Zombieland (14A) Fri 5-9:55 Sat-Sun 12-5-9:55 Mon-Thu 5-9:55

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-8

Tum Mile (STC) Fri 4:30-7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-3:10-4:50-7:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:15-5-6:45-8:30

9 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:50-5:10-6:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-5-6:30

Fame (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:15

G-Force (STC) Fri-Sun 12-1:30-3-4:30

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:30-3-4:30 Mon-Thu 5:15

Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Sun 6 Mon-Thu 7

Jennifer's Body (14A) Fri-Sun 6-9:30 Mon-Thu 5-8:30

Julie & Julia (PG) Mon-Thu 1-3:05

Love Happens (PG) Fri-Sun 7-9 Mon-Thu 3-8

Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (14A) Fri-Sun 7:45 Mon-Thu 3-6:45

Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG) Fri-Sun 8:35 Mon-Thu 1

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12-2-3:30-6:30-7:10-10:10-10:45 No Passes Sun-Thu 12-2-3:30-6:30-7:10-10:10 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-4:20-8

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:10-6:20-9:20 Wed 3:45-6:20-9:20 Thu 12:20-3:10-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri-Tue 1-3:40-7-9:30 No Passes Wed 3:40-7-9:30 No Passes Thu 1-3:40-7 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:30-1:30-3-4-5:30-6:40-8-9:10-10:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:30-1:30-3-4-5:30-6:40-8-9:10

Disney's A Christmas Carol: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10

The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:05

Gone With the Wind (STC) Sat 11

Laugh Out Loud Comedy Festival 2009 (STC) Thu 7

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:10

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:50-9:50

Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:20-4:50-7:40-10:15

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 12:50-3:50-6:45 Sat 3:50-6:45 Sun-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:45

Zombieland (14A) Fri-Sat 10:30 Sun-Wed 10:15

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

2012 (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1-2:45-3:15-4:45-6:15-7:8-30-10-10:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-11:45-1-2:45-3:15-4:45-6:15-7-8:30-10-10:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1-2-2:45-4:45-5:30-6:15-8:30-9:15-10

Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:25-5:50

The Box (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:15-5-7:50-10:40 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:25-2:15-5-7:50-10:40 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:15-5-7:50-10:40

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:30-7:25-10:20 Tue-Wed 7:25-10:20 Thu 1:40-4:30-7:25-10:20

Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Special Engagement Fri 1:25-4-6:35-9:10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:05-1:25-4-6:35-9:10 Special Engagement Mon-Wed 1:25-4-6:35-9:10 Special Engagement Thu 1:10-3:40-6-8:20

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Digital, Special Engagement Fri 2:10-4:40-7:20-9:55 Digital, Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:35-2:10-4:40-7:20-9:55 Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:20-9:55

The Fourth Kind (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:20-7:55-10:35 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:35

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:15

Love Happens (PG) Tue-Wed 1:40-4:30

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:50-4:20-7:05-9:40 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:20-1:50-4:20-7:05-9:40 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:05-9:40

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 1:35-2:20-4:25-5:10-7:15-8-10:50 Sat 11:30-1:35-2:20-4:25-5:10-7:15-8-10:50 Sun 11:30-1:35-2:20-4:25-5:10-7:15-8-10:05-10:50 Mon-Wed 1:35-2:20-4:25-5:10-7:15-8-10:05-10:50 Thu 1:10-2:20-3:50-5:10-6:25-8-10:50

Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 1:20-2:50-3:35-5:15-5:55-7:45-8:20-10:10 Sat 12:25-1:20-2:50-3:35-5:15-5:55-7:45-8:20-10:10 Sun 12:25-1:20-2:50-3:35-5:15-5:55-7:45-8:20-10:10-10:55 Mon-Wed 1:20-2:50-3:35-5:15-5:55-7:45-8:20-10:10-10:55 Thu 1:20-1:55-3:35-4:05-5:55-8:20-10:55

Pirate Radio (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:30-10:25

Saw VI (18A) Fri-Thu 8:25-11

Twilight (PG) Thu 7

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Special Engagement Thu 12:01 Special Engagement Thu 10

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 4:10-6:30-8-10:10 No Passes Sat 12:30-2-4:10-6:30-8-10:10 No Passes Sun 12:30-2-4:10-6:30-8-10 No Passes Mon-Wed 4:10-6:30-8-10 No Passes Thu 3:40-5:30-7:15-9:30

The Box (14A) Fri 4:25-7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:45

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:25 Mon-Wed 3:50-6:40-9:25 Thu 3:55-6:35

Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri 4:15-6:45-9:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4:15-6:45-9:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 5-7:30-10 No Passes Sat 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 No Passes Sun 12-2:30-5-7:25-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:25-9:50

The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 4:35-7:20-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:20-10:05 Mon-Wed 4:35-7:20-10:05 Thu 4:35-7:35-10:05

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 3:40-6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:35 Mon-Wed 3:40-6:50-9:35 Thu 4:10-7-9:40

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4-7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7:10-9:30 Mon-Wed 4-7:10-9:30 Thu 4-6:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:30-6:25-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:25-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:25-9:15

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:10

SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 6:30-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-6:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-10:10 No Passes Fri 3:30-7:10-10:45 No Passes Sat 12-3:30-7:10-10:45 No Passes Sun 12-3:30-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-8

Aisi Deewangi (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 3:10-6:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:20-9:40

Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 4:45-9 Sat-Sun 12:55-4:45-9 Mon-Thu 4:45-9

Astro Boy (PG) Fri 3:10 Sat-Sun 12:25-3 Mon-Thu 3:10

The Box (14A) Fri 4:15-7:20-10:40 Sat 1:10-4:15-7:20-10:40 Sun 1:10-4:15-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10:25

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 3:15-6:15-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:10 Mon-Wed 3:20-6:15-9:05 Thu 3:20-6:15

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 3:50-5-6:45-7:30-9:30-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-1-2:30-3:50-5-6:45-7:30-9:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-4:40-6:45-7:20-9:25-9:50

The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:25-10:20 Mon-Wed 4:25-7:25-10 Thu 4:25-7:25

Heer Ranjha (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 3:40-6:10-7:9:40-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:10-7:9:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:10-7:9:30-10:15

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 3:25-6:35-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:25-6:35-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:35-9:20

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:25-4-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 4-6:40-9:10

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 4:10-7:05-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-9:55

Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 4:35-7:40-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:30-10:20

Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri 3:45-6:55-9:55 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:55-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:45

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:30

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:30-9

The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:05

The Box (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:40-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:15

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:30

Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:45-9:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:10

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:1:45-2:30-4:20-5-7:10-7:30-9:40-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-5-7:10-7:30-9:40-10

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:9:50 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:50

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:10

Prom Night in Mississippi (STC) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:20

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

Aisi Deewangi (STC) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10-10:10

Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:15-4:40-8

Astro Boy (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:45 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 3:50-6:45 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Tue-Thu 1:30-3:50-6:45

The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:40-4:45-7:30-10:15

The Box (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:15-10 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:15-10

Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 9:50

Good Hair (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 9:20

Heer Ranjha - A True Love Story (STC) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:45-5-8:30

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:20-3:45-6:50-9:30

Pirate Radio (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7-9:45

The Stepfather (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-7:20

Tum Mile (STC) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 2-5:30-9:15

NORTH

5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

2012 (14A) Fri-Sat 9:35 Sun-Thu 7:30

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Wed 7:50

The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Thu 9:25

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Thu 7:40

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sat 7:30 Sun-Thu 10:20

Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Wed 9:55

Twilight (PG) Thu 7:50

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Thu 10

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 4:10-6:30-8-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-2-4:10-6:30-8-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-8

The Box (14A) Fri 4-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1-4:30-7:10-10 Mon-Wed 7:10-10 Thu 7:10-9:50

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 5-7:30-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-9:50

The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 4:40-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:40-7:40-10:15 Mon-Wed 7:15-9:40 Thu 6:40

Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 3:50-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:50-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:40-6:40-9:20 Mon-Wed 6:40-9:20 Thu 6:50-9:40

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:10

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 3:30-6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:45-9:10 Mon-Wed 6:45-9:10 Thu 6:45

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12-12:40-2-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:10-8-10:10-10:45 No Passes Sun 12-12:40-2-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:10-8-10:10 No Passes Mon-Wed 3:30-4:20-6:30-7:10-8-10:10 No Passes Thu 3:30-4:20-6:30-8-10:10 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-5:15-9 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:15-9

The Box (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:20-10:05

Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-5-7:40-10:30 Mon-Wed 4:15-6:45-9:20 Thu 4:15-6:45

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:45-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25-10:15

Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:30-7-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:30

Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-1:30-2:50-4-5:20-6:30-7:50-9-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu

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3:30-4-6:30-7:15-9-9:35
Disney's A Christmas Carol: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7-9:30
Laugh Out Loud Comedy Festival 2009 (STC) Thu 7
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:50-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:25
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-1:10-3:40-4:10-7:15-7:45-9:50-10:20 Mon-Wed 3:40-4:10-7:15-7:45-9:50-10:15 Thu 3:40-4:10-7:15-7:45-10:15
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:40-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:40
Saw VI (18A) Fri-Sun 2:15-5:10-8:10-10:30 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:35-9:45
The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:05-10 Mon-Wed 4:25-7:05-10 Thu 4:25-10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:15
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:15-6:15-8:50 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:15-8:50

ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 5:30-7-9:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:10-5:30-7-9:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:30-8
Astro Boy (PG) Fri 7:20 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 6:30
The Box (14A) No Passes Fri 6:20-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:10
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:15
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri 6-8:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-6-8:50 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:40
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 7:15-10 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 6:20-8:50
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 6-8:30
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:15-8:45
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) No Passes Fri 6:45-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:50-8:20
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Zombieland (14A) Fri-Sun 10:10 Mon-Thu 9

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 4:10-6:30-8-10:10 No Passes Sat 12:30-2-4:10-6:30-8-10:10 No Passes Sun 12:30-2-4:10-6:30-8-10 No Passes Mon-Wed 6:30-7:30-10 No Passes Thu 6:30-7:30-10:10
Astro Boy (PG) Fri 3:30-6:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:30-6:10 Mon-Thu 6:10
The Box (14A) Fri-Sun 3:20-6:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:20-9
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 9 Mon-Wed 8:50
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:30-10 No Passes Sat 1:30-4:20-7:30-10 No Passes Sun 1:40-4:20-7:30-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:20
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Sat 3:40-6:40-9:10 Sun 1:20-3:40-6:40-9:10 Mon-Wed 6-8:40 Thu 6
Gone With the Wind (STC) Sat 11
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 4:30-7:15-9:50 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:50 Sun 1:50-4:30-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4-7-9:30 Sat 1:20-4-7-9:30 Sun 1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:30
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 3:10-5:20-7:45-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:10-5:20-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Sat-Sun 12:40

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

9 (PG) Fri 3:05-5:10-7:05-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:10-3:05-5:10-7:05-9:10 Mon-Tue 5:10-7:05-9:10 Wed-Thu 5:10-7:05
Aisi Deewangi (STC) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:35
Amelia (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:05-4:45-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25-9:55
Astro Boy (PG) Fri 1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:40-9:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:15-12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:40-9:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-5:15-6:45-7:40-9:15-9:50
Bright Star (PG) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:30-10:05
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 1:35-4:25-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:35-4:25-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:10-9:55
District 9 (14A) Fri 1:40-4:15-6:55-9:25 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:40-4:15-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55-9:25
Fame (PG) Fri 1:55-4:20-6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:55-4:20-6:50-9:10 Mon-Tue 4:20-6:50-9:10 Wed-Thu 4:20-6:50
The Final Destination (STC) Digital Fri 2:15-4:30-6:45-9:05 Digital Sat-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:30-6:45-9:05 Digital Mon-Thu 4:30-6:45-9:05
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 1:30-2:30-4:5-6:30-7:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:1:30-2:30-4:5-6:30-7:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:5-6:30-7:30-9:10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri 3:6:05-8:50 Sat-Sun 11:50-3:6:05-8:50 Mon-Tue 3:30-6:05-8:50 Wed-Thu 3:30-6:05
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:35
The Hangover (14A) Fri 2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:35-9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri 2:40-6-9:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:40-6-9:15 Mon-Thu 6-9:15
The Informant! (14A) Fri 2:35-5:10-7:50-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:35-5:10-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:50-10:15
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri 2:50-6-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:50-6-9:20 Mon-Tue 6-9:20 Wed-Thu 6
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri 2:30-5-7:45-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:30-5-7:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 5-7:45-10:10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:3:45-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:40
Love Happens (PG) Fri 1:35-4:10-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:35-4:10-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 1:30-2-2:15-2:45-4-4:30-4:45-5:15-6:30-7-7:15-7:45-9-9:30-9:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 11-11:30-11:45-12:15-1:30-2-2:15-2:45-4-4:30-4:45-5:15-6:30-7-7:15-7:45-9-9:30-9:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 4-4:30-4:45-5:15-6:30-7-7:15-7:45-9-9:30-9:45-10:15
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri 2:40-5:05-7:25-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:05-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:25-10:05
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri 1:25-4:10-7-9:45 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:25-4:10-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:45
The Proposal (PG) Fri 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:40
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 2:20-4:50-7:35-10 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:35-10
Up (PG) Fri 2:10-4:40 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:40 Mon-Thu 4:40
Zombieland (14A) Fri 2:35-4:55-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:35-4:55-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:15-9:45

PROMENADE MALL
1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

2012 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35
The Box (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7-9:15
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-7:10
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-2:55-5-7:05-9:05
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Wed 4:15-9:25 Thu 4:15
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Thu 1:3:45-6:45-9
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon 4:10-6:50-9:20 Tue-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Thu 10

SILVERCITY NEWMARKET
18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 3:30-7:10-10:45 No Passes Sat 12-3:30-7:10-10:45 No Passes Sun 12-3:30-7:10 No Passes Mon-Wed 3:30-7:10 No Passes Thu 3:30-6:30-7:15-10:10 No Passes Fri 6:30-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-6:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Wed 6:30-10:10
Astro Boy (PG) Sat-Sun 12:50
The Box (14A) Fri-Wed 4:10-6:55-9:50 Thu 4:10-9:50
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 3:20-6:25-9:25 Sat 3:45-6:25-9:25 Sun 12:35-3:20-6:25-9:25 Mon 3:20-9:55 Tue-Wed 3:20-6:25-9:25 Thu 3:20-6:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri 3:35-6:35-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-3:35-6:35-9:30 No Passes Mon-Wed 3:35-6:35-9:30 No Passes Thu 3:35-6:35
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 3-5-5:30-7:30-8-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-12:30-2:30-3-5-5:30-7:30-8-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3-5-5:30-7:30-8-10-10:30
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Sun 3:15-7-9:55 Mon 3:15-9:55 Tue-Thu 3:15-7-9:55
Gone With the Wind (STC) Sat 11
Laugh Out Loud Comedy Festival 2009 (STC) Thu 7
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 5:10-7:40-10:20 Sat-Sun 2:10-5:10-7:40-10:20 Mon 5:10-7:40 Tue-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:20
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4-7:20-10:10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:40
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 4:45-7:50-10:15 Sat-Sun 2-4:45-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:50-10:15
Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri 3:40-6:50-10:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10-3:40-6:50-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-10:05
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:15
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Sat-Sun 1:25

SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-2-4:20-6:30-8-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-6:30-8-10:10 No Passes Fri-Sat 12-3:30-7:10-10:45 No Passes Sun 12-3:30-7:05-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:30-9:15
Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10-6:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:10
The Box (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:15
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:40
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:05-1-2:30-3:50-5-6:50-7:30-9:20-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-5-6:50-7:30-9:20-10
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 12:45-3:20-7:15-9:55 Sat 4-7:15-9:55 Sun 12:45-3:20-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15-9:55
Gone With the Wind (STC) Sat 11
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:35-10:10
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:50
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 2:20-4:40-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-10
Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:05-7:05-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
A Serious Man (14A) Fri-Wed 9
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10

HALTON

GALAXY CINEMAS MILTON
1175 Maple Ave., 905-864-1666

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-10 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-4:10-8 No Passes Mon-Thu 8
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri-Sun 3:40-6:40-9:20 Mon-Wed 6:40-9:20 Thu 6:40
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:30
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:15-7:10-9:50 Mon-Wed 7:10-9:50 Thu 7:10
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:45
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:15
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40

SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-4:10-8 No Passes Mon-Thu 8 No Passes Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-10
The Box (14A) Fri-Sun 4:15-7:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:15
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:20 Mon-Wed 7:25-10:20 Thu 7:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:30-9 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-9
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:25
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Wed 7:10-10:10 Thu 7:10
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:05-10:05
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:35-10:05
Pirate Radio (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10-10:15
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15

SILVERCITY OAKVILLE
3531 Wyecroft Road, 905 827-7173

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 2:10-6:40-10:10 No Passes Sat 12:30-2:10-6:40-10:10 No Passes Sun 2:10-6:40-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-10:10 No Passes Fri 12:30-4:8 No Passes Sat 4-8 No Passes Sun 12:30-4-8 No Passes Mon-Thu 8 No Passes Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-10
The Box (14A) Fri-Sun 3:30-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:40
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 9:55
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-1:40-4:10-4:40-6:50-7:30-9:20-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-7:30-9:20-9:50
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 1:30-4:20-7:20 Sat 4:20-7:20 Sun 1:30-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 7:20
Gone With the Wind (STC) Sat 11
Laugh Out Loud Comedy Festival 2009 (STC) Thu 7
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:40-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30 Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Wed 7:30-10:30 Thu 7:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:15-10 Mon-Wed 7:15-10 Thu 7:15 Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 Mon-Wed 7-9:30 Thu 9:30
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Thu 10 No Passes Thu 10:20
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40

WINSTON CHURCHILL
2081 Winston Park Dr., Oakville, 905-829-2009

2012 (14A) Special Engagement Fri 12-12:45-1:30-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-6:15-7-7:45-8:30-9:45-10:30-11:15 Special Engagement Sat 10-11:15-12-12:45-1:30-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-6:15-7-7:45-8:30-9:45-10:30-11:15 Special Engagement Sun 10-11:15-12-12:45-1:30-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-6:15-7-7:45-8:30-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12:45-1:30-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-6:15-7-7:45-8:30-9:45-10:30
Aisi Deewangi (STC) Sub-Titled Fri 1:10-4:05-7:10-10:05 Sub-Titled Sat-Sun 10:10-1:10-4:05-7:10-10:05 Sub-Titled Mon-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:10-10:05
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Music

Nerd rock with an attitude

Weezer frontman's quirky creativity wins over fans

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

If there's one thing you can't criticize Weezer for, it's playing too long. Most of the band's albums clock in around 33 minutes, including the group's latest Ratitude. But that's not short enough for frontman Rivers Cuomo.

"We're going to put out albums more frequently, and they might be shorter," he says on the phone from his L.A. studio. "I don't feel like I need 12 song epics anymore — I want my music in smaller doses."

Ratitude, the group's seventh record, isn't the band's most succinct disc — that title goes to 2001's 28 minute Green Album — but it is Cuomo's quickest record since then. With 10 songs it moves speedily along, which is just how the Harvard educated singer-songwriter wants it.

"I'm going by how I listen to music and what I want as a music fan," he explains. "After six songs you say this was really satisfying. Eight songs is cool, but that's enough. Then there's another song. At that point I have to switch."

Of course, if you're going to write an eight or 10 song record, all the tunes have to be good. And that could be a challenge. Ratitude isn't the band's greatest record — Weezer's Blue Album and Pinkerton are still better than his more recent work. Its juvenile lyrics don't do the disc any favours — the song Girl Got Hot is a silly track about a homely girl who turned hot — while musically some of the songs lack the complexity of earlier work.

If he scrapped two or three of the mediocre tunes, maybe Cuomo would have a strong, short disc. (If You're Wondering If I Want You To) I Want You To, the album's title track, is an infectious power pop tune that fits nicely along side Hash Pipe or any of his stronger songs from the last eight years.

Despite some of the less memorable tracks, Cuomo still has that quirky creativity that won over fans in the first place. That's evident on the song Can't Stop Partying, with Lil Wayne. It's a bizarre tune, especially Wayne's sluggish rap, but thanks to the genre bending, it's one of the more thought-provoking songs here. "Working with Lil Wayne wasn't weird to me," he says. "The moment I heard him do it, I wrote down every word, memorized it and would rap it to myself."

Maybe Weezer won't just shorten records in the future — the band could change direction all together. A hip-hop album perhaps? "I'd never do a rap album," Cuomo says. "I love rap, but I love melody too."

Ratitude — the seventh record from nerd rockers Weezer — was released last week.

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Rivers Cuomo

In Concert

- Weezer plays the Air Canada Centre on Dec. 5

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In brief

CHARTS The following is HMV Canada's top 10 CDs based on national sales for the week ending Nov. 14.

1. The Circle, Bon Jovi
2. This Is It, Michael Jackson
3. Crazy Love, Michael Bublé
4. Things We Left Behind, Blue Rodeo
5. Play On, Carrie Underwood
6. Greatest Hits, Foo Fighters
7. My Christmas, Andrea Bocelli
8. Christmas, Johnny Reid
9. Nous, Daniel Belanger
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ROGERS

Ready to take a break

After years of recording and touring The Academy Is... needs a vacation

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Enjoy them while you can because according to pop-punk quintet The Academy Is..., they aren't going to be around for much longer.

Despite selling out their Toronto show — the only Canadian date on their current tour in support of latest EP Lost In Pacific Time (Fueled By Ramen) — and a chart-topping third effort in 2008's Fast Times At Barrington High, the Illinois-based act will be taking a hiatus very soon.

"People throw out the word hiatus but that's not what we're doing," declares bassist Adam Siska, defusing the hyperbole. "This is more vacation time; the off-season for us. When a band says they're on hiatus, they're breaking up. Hiatus means you'll see them in five years on the reunion tour or when they come out of retirement. We're just taking a step back. People can benefit from it sometimes. "

Illinois-based act the Academy Is... is touring in support of latest EP Lost In Pacific Time.

Essentially, Siska notes that while The Academy Is... might be off the road for a long time, they're not disbanding. On the contrary, they're hoping the step back will bring them closer together. After a seven-year schedule of record/tour/repeat, they're desperate to break that chain. A vacation would recharge personal creative batteries and ensure that while it will still retaining their inherent sound, this eventual fourth album is far from a retread of its predecessors.

"In the past we haven't taken enough time off before making a new album" he admits. "We dove right into new albums right after tour. We're proud of all the records we've made but in order to make our best work, we could use some time to go sailing or something; see the world and come back with a new lease on life. That's healthy for anyone, no matter what job you do. You have to step away and come back with a better viewpoint."

Still he notes The Academy Is... (completed by guitarists Michael Guy Chislett and Mike Carden, drummer Andy Mrotek and vocalist William Beckett) aren't beholden to a break should their muse find them by tour's end in late November. The only stipulation is that entering the studio mustn't be forced. And, he chuckles, they have to finally be happy to see each other again.

"That's when the best records are made — when a band comes in ready, hungry and confident," he concludes definitively. "We want every record to be our best. After all of this, I don't know if this'll be any better or worse for some people but it'll be better for us. That's the big picture. Whenever it's done, if we don't feel the record is our best, nobody will ever hear it. We wouldn't put out something that we didn't feel was a step up for us. That's when the 'hiatus' would come into play."

In Concert

- The Academy Is... plays The Guvernment Friday.

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SOCAN Awards Gala
The 20th Annual SOCAN Awards Gala will be held Nov. 23 at Roy Thomson Hall it was announced this week. The ceremony will celebrate the achievements of Doc Walker, Finger Eleven, Rush and others. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Beware of 'iPod tax'

SoundCheck

Last Friday, I chanced upon an op-ed piece in the Toronto Star under the headline Copyright Reform Must Protect Rights of Canadian Artists.

If your eyes didn't glaze over at the phrase "copyright reform," read on.

Three Canadian songwriters, Amy Sky, Marc Jordan and Marie Denise Pelletier, made a plea. Here's the gist: Canadian performers need to be fairly compensated when their work is copied and used. Things go off the rails when they start quoting bumpf from Savethelevy.ca, a website exhorting that Canadians be taxed in new and innovative ways for the privilege of copying music for personal use.

This is not new. In 1997, a levy was applied to recordable media (blank cassettes, CD-Rs and Mini-Discs) to compensate artists for this private copying. This is why a spindle of blank CDs costs exponentially more in Canada than in the U.S. Since then, more than $150 million has been collected and distributed to over 97,000 songwriters, composers, recording artists and other rights holders — and here's the best part —"most of whom would not be able to continue their careers without this revenue."

Legal blogger Howard Knopf pointed out the ridiculousness of this claim back in September. Divide $150 million by 97,000 and the average payout per rights holder has been about $130 PER YEAR. Subtract the $22 million that went to lawyers, auditors, administration and lobbyists and the actual number is even lower.

The Save the Levy people rightly point out that almost no one makes cassette mixtapes anymore and people are burning fewer CDs than in 1997. Therefore, it's time to tax new things.

"Music fans and consumers need to watch what's being proposed."

Like what? Well, any kind of portable music device to start. Calls for an "iPod tax" are back. How much? I've seen proposals asking for up to $75 per device. In other words, they want consumers to pay twice: Once with the levy and once for the CD or the download, even if you download that music file directly to your iPod.

And why stop there? What about hard drives and USB keys? Don't use them for storing music? Too bad.

Don't get me wrong. Our copyright laws desperately need to change with the times if we're going to protect artists and intellectual property. But music fans and consumers need to watch what's being proposed, too.

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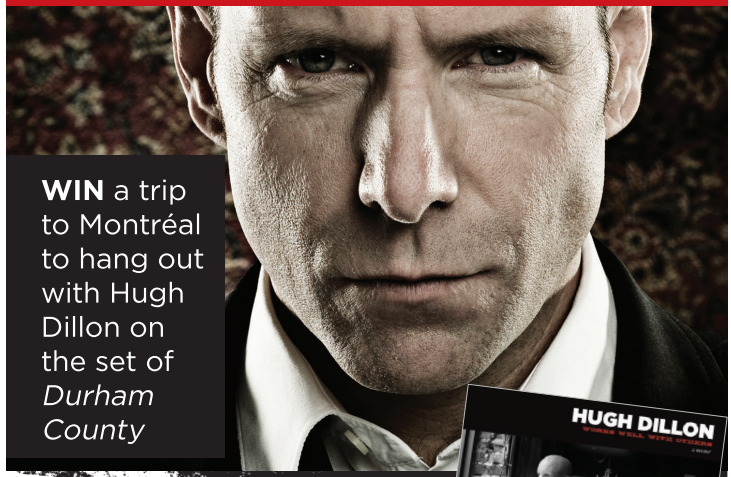

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Another show bites the dust

The latest addition to the TV graveyard is Dollhouse. According to several insiders, Fox will not be ordering additional episodes of the low-rated sci-fi drama starring Eliza Dushku. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Television

The world of the paranoidal

Sci-fi remake imagines society under constant surveillance

AMBER RAY
Metro World News

It's disarming to meet a knight in Chuck Taylors.

It's also highly appropriate for Sir Ian McKellen to dress so casual-cool for our interview as he promotes The Prisoner, a brilliant new miniseries that manipulates appearance and perception while deftly delving into themes of paranoia in a seemingly civilized, but truly authoritarian, society.

"Individual's place in society, surveillance, the knowledge the authorities have on you simply because you carry a cellphone…" — McKellen rattles off the heady topics The Prisoner examines.

"They know everything that's in that phone, everything you've said, every message you've sent. You cannot delete a message — did you know that?"

McKellen is the man behind the conspiracies, not the one pondering them, in The Prisoner. He plays Two, the leader of a mysterious modern-day utopian society where everyone is known by a number, not a name.

It's called the Village, and when New Yorker Michael (Jim Caviezel) wakes up in the strange, resort-like town, disoriented and demanding a way out, he is told there is no out. There is no New York. And, by the way, he is Number Six.

After portraying Jesus in the brutal, bloody Passion of the Christ, Jim Caviezel knows what it takes to bring a gruelling role to life. And no matter how much playing the tortured hero in The Prisoner drained him, Caviezel refused to give any less than what it took to make the miniseries a work of art.

"The tears came 'cause I felt like we didn't just get out of this project. We did great."
Actor Jim Caviezel

"If The Prisoner had just been a random thing, I would have taken the scripts, learned all my material, showed up for work and said, 'OK, there it is,'" the actor says. "But we had to make it better."

That kind of dedication — he worked 92 of the 96 days on the shoot — took a toll on the actor.

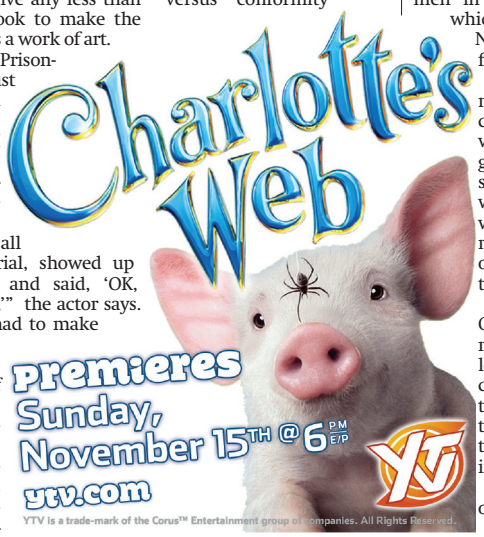
"When it was done, the last day, I remember I threw on a Christmas song by the Beach Boys — 'I'm dreaming of a white Christmas' — and I'm sitting there, listening to Brian Wilson sing, and I just ... argh!" He yells abruptly in a show of relief.

"The tears came 'cause I felt like we didn't just get out of this project. We did great … We were great."

A remake of a cult British series from the 1960s, The Prisoner is a mental chess match between McKellen and Caviezel. It's a terrifying meditation on freedom versus conformity and state control.

"Six and Two are closer than they think," explains McKellen. "Still, they don't stop arguing and battling and fighting it out — thank God not physically, because I'd lose every single one of those."

In The Prisoner, Ian McKellen plays Two, leader of a mysterious civilization in which everyone is known only by a number.



Skate series finalists enjoying the glide

SHOWDOWN Coaches and finalists on CBC-TV's Battle of the Blades say the successful show, which concludes Sunday and Monday, has been a long, draining experience with plenty of ups, downs and surprises.

Claude Lemieux, Stéphane Richer and Craig Simpson are the remaining men in the competition, which pairs former NHLers with female figure skaters.

Coach Paul Martini, a former world champion, says he would never have guessed, at the outset, that the men would be doing what they're doing now, including full overhead lifts with their partners.

Another coach, Olympic pairs gold medallist David Pelletier, says it was clear from the start that all eight men took the competition and their training very seriously.

Pelletier says no one wanted to get eliminated — or iced, as they say on the show — and the rivalries have grown intense.

Jamie Salé and Craig Simpson

Pelletier's Olympic partner and wife, Jamie Salé, is teamed up with Simpson, a former Edmonton Oiler, and says she's been amazed by his perseverance, even after bad falls early on.

"I think I've come a long way," Simpson said Thursday.

"(Salé) is the same great skater she's always been, but fortunately, some of it has rubbed off on me.

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Original Prisoner series became a Cold War classic

CULT CLASSIC When AMC starts airing what it calls its "reinterpretation" of classic '60s British TV series The Prisoner on Sunday, it will rekindle a debate that's been raging in the geek universe for more than 40 years: Was the original Prisoner the most creative, provocative, deep, multi-layered and fascinating TV show of all time?

McGoohan

Or was it simply a product of its flower-power decade — a confused, hallucinogenic nightmare that in the end made no sense at all?

One thing is for sure: the new six-part miniseries is a chance for a new generation of viewers to discover the original show, which first aired in 1967. AMC has made all 17 original episodes available online at amctv.com.

The cult classic was a tale of Cold War espionage starring Patrick McGoohan as an intelligence agent who is rendered unconscious by a gas attack and wakes up in an Orwellian world.

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Trailer Park Boys take a pleasant trip in new project for Showcase

ADDICTIVE TV The Trailer Park Boys are going to get high again.

Mike Smith, Robb Wells and J.P. Tremblay of Trailer Park Boys will play multiple characters in a new Showcase series called The Drunk and On Drugs Happy Funtime Hour.

The series will centre on the cast of a fictional children's show, including Smith, Wells and Tremblay, who accidentally ingest an addictive hallucinogen mixed by a character played by Rush guitarist Alex Lifeson.

As the series unfolds, the characters will contend with the bizarre cast of hallucinating children's show characters, a dysfunctional crime family that runs the town, and a dangerous cult.

Showcase has ordered six episodes to air in 2010.

"The series is definitely a departure from our previous work, but … Drunk and On Drugs still has a huge dose of our trademark humour," Wells said in a press release.

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Whitney's back

Whitney Houston will sing her new ballad, I Didn't Know My Own Strength, and will receive the International Artist Award at the 37th American Music Awards, to be broadcast Nov. 22 on ABC. Houston last performed at the AMAs 10 years ago. EW.COM

TV's screaming dance diva is stepping out

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

The resident queen of scream on So You Think You Can Dance has some no-nonsense advice for those planning to audition for her TV show in Toronto this weekend.

"If you love the show and think you can bust a move, then by all means, show up. You never know till you try," says Mary Murphy, who splits her time between a guest stint on SYTYCD Canada and a full-time gig as a judge on the original American version.

"But it's a long day," she warns. "So stay hydrated. Bring lots of healthy snacks. And stay warm. I've seen too many dancers who waited in line all day, got up in front of us and had a terrible cramp."

Murphy, a veteran dancer and choreographer, has lately seen her fame increase exponentially.

A show standout for her screaming comments and odd catch phrases (such as putting good contestants on "the hot tamale train"), she recently appeared in US Weekly and on Larry King Live, talking about a troubled past marriage. She's also featured in a new Coca Cola ad now playing in movie theatres.

Murphy

"I'm in a new stratosphere now," says Murphy, who also finds time to appear on SYTYCD spinoffs in countries like Australia and Norway.

"But if I didn't like it, I wouldn't be doing what I do," she adds.

She says fans on the street tend to mimic her scream or offer their own hot tamale train versions, complete with arm movements and sound effects.

"I think I disappoint people and journalists I meet because I won't put them on the hot tamale train," she says.

"I want to keep it special. I don't say it easily. You have to earn it."

Murphy sees little difference between dancers who audition in Canada and those in the U.S.

"The talent is still there. But I was surprised at the number of hip hop and b-boys in Canada. And there does seem to be a lot of great ballroom dancers from Montreal, which also surprised me," she adds.

Get your shoes on

- Auditions for the third season of So You Think You Can Dance Canada begin Saturday in Toronto. If you think you've got what it takes to get on the hot tamale train, visit dance.ctv.ca for details.

FRIDAY

	TO	Vu	SD	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
11/13/09	primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Billy Connolly: Journey to		Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda
		211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	The Guard "Boom"		Bones (HDTV PA)		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		News Final
		215	343	4	OMN1	Two Men	Simpsons	Omni News: Italian Edition		Vivere V	Omni News:	Simpsons	King of Hill	Metropia
		210	302	6	CBC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James	Rick Mercer	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour (N)
		214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Supernanny (N)		Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)		The Jay Leno Show		News
		212	313	8	CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		Flashpoint (N) (DVS)		CTV News
		218	345	11	CHCH	*The Addams Family* ★★ (1991, Comedy), Raul Julia				*Friday the 13th* ★★ (1980, Horror) Betsy Palmer.				News at 11
		-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		News 4 at 11
		-	385	17	NBC	The Insider	Entertainment	Law & Order (N)		Dateline NBC		The Jay Leno Show		News
		-	386	18	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Supernanny (N)		Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
		219	346	20	ACH-B	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Law & Order (N)		Law & Order: SVU		Comedy Now	Comedy Now	A News
		-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy	Two Men	House "Locked In"		Bones (HDTV PA)		Seinfeld	Two Men	Simpsons
		-	388	61	PBS	News-Lehrer	Summer Wine	*Mississippi Burning* ★★★ (1988, Drama) Gene Hackman.					Wash. Week	Business Rpt.
	news	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		
	sports	405	417	22	net	Air Racing	OverBolts	Hockey	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Chicago Blackhawks. (HDTV) (Live)					Sportsnet
		400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre	Hockey	OverBolts	30 for 30 (HDTV)		Curling Road to the Roar: Men's B Final. (Live)			
	family	551	542	25	YTV	*The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* (2005, Comedy-Drama)					Prank Patrol	That's-Weird	Sorry	Adrenaline
		554	544	45	TEL	Batman	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	*The Crow* ★★★ (1994, Fantasy)		
		556	540	51	FAM	Sonny	*High School Musical 2* (2007)			(9:15) *Blank Check* ★★ (1994, Comedy)					*Holes*
	cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami
		575	583	38	CMT	Cross Canada Countdown		Star Crossed	The Show (N)	Cheerleaders	Cheerleaders	Martina McBride		Tracks
		616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Found.
		294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: SVU		*The General's Daughter* ★★ (1999)		
		581	566	52	MTV	OverBolts	Peak Season	Peak Season	After	The City	After	The Hills	Peak Season	1 girl 5 gays
		603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	HEAT	HEAT	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diners	Diners	Ramsay
		300	601	301	M1	(7:15) *A Stone's Throw* (2007, Drama)				*The Haunting in Connecticut* (2009)			(10:45) *Doomsday*	

SATURDAY

	TO	Vu	SD	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
11/14/09	primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Into the Wilderness (N)		*The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* (1989)			Interviews	(10:35) *Brazil* (1985)	
		211	331	3	GTV	Santa's-Way	Jane Show	Project Runway Canada		Gemini Awards (N)			Legends-Lore	News Final
		215	343	4	OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Objektyv	Russian Waves		Colour Me Free		Moshie
		210	302	6	CBC	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Toronto Maple Leafs. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Canucks at Avalanche		
		214	344	7	CITY	My RONA Home (HDTV)		Glenn Martin	Out There	*Murder at the Presidio* (2005, Mystery) (DVS)				News
		212	313	8	CTV	W5 (N) (DVS)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: NY "Yahrzeit"		Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
		218	345	11	CHCH	*A Fool and His Money* ★ (1989, Comedy)				*The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* ★★ (2003, Horror)				News at 11
		-	387	16	CBS	Paid Program	Best Cooking	NCIS "Broken Bird"		CSI: NY "Yahrzeit"		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News 4 at 11
		-	385	17	NBC	Paid Program	The Insider	Mercy (HDTV)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News
		-	386	18	ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	College Football Regional Coverage. Notre Dame at Pittsburgh or Texas Tech at Oklahoma State.						
		219	346	20	ACH-B	The Scotiabank Giller Prize		*The Miracle of the Cards* (2001, Drama)				Whistler (DVS)		A News
		-	-	28	FOX	(5:30) *Hannibal* (2001)		Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Simpsons	Simpsons	Wanda Sykes
		-	388	61	PBS	All Creatures Great & Small		Lark Rise to Candleford		Sherlock Holmes		Poirot		Contemp
	news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Escape From Jonestown"				Newsroom		Presents
	sports	405	417	22	net	PartyPoker.net		UFC 105 Countdown						Sportsnet
		400	400	30	TSN	30 for 30 (HDTV)		Curling Road to Roar: Men's & Women's C Semifinal.						
	family	551	542	25	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Sorry	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
		554	544	45	TEL	*Ghostbusters II* ★★ (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel (N)
		556	540	51	FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Lost & Found* (1999, Romance-Comedy)			(10:35) *Theodore Rex* ★	
	cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami
		575	583	38	CMT	Unstable	Unstable	Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		*Planes, Trains and Automobiles* (1987)		
		616	521	39	SHO	*The Conspiracy of Fear* ★★ (1996, Action)				Gemini Awards (N)			*Live Free or Die Hard*	
		294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*The Negotiator* ★★★ (1998, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey.						*Pelican Brief*
		581	566	52	MTV	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
		603	561	56	FOOD	Glutton	Chef Abroad	Challenge		Chopped		Top Chef: Las Vegas		The F Word
		300	601	301	M1	*Swing Vote*		*Mr. Troop Mom* (2009, Comedy)		*Doubt* ★★★ (2008, Drama) Meryl Streep.				*Twilight*

SUNDAY

	TO	Vu	SD	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
11/15/09	primetime	265	353	2	TVO	e2	e2	Last Day of World War One		Paris 1919			The View From Here	
		211	331	3	GTV	Prod. Parker	King of Hill	Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	Amer Dad	Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
		215	343	4	OMN1	OverBolts	Brotherhood	In the Heart		Outcasts: A Love Story (N)		Metropia	Metropia	Vamos
		210	302	6	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		Battle of the Blades		The Nature of Things		CBC News: The National (N)		fifth estate
		214	344	7	CITY	Survivorman (DVS)		Extreme Makeover: Home		My RONA Home (N)		Conviction Kitchen (HDTV)		News
		212	313	8	CTV	Degrassi	Degrassi	The Amazing Race 15		Desperate Housewives (N)		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		CTV News
		218	345	11	CHCH	*Lara Croft: Tomb Raider* ★★ (2001, Adventure)				*Shaft* ★★ (2000, Action) Samuel L. Jackson.				News at 11
		-	387	16	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 15		Three Rivers (N)		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		News 4 at 11
		-	385	17	NBC	Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts. (HDTV) (Live)						
		-	386	18	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
		219	346	20	ACH-B	America's Next Top Model		*About a Boy* ★★★ (2002, Comedy-Drama)				Spectacle: Elvis		A News
		-	-	28	FOX	NFL Football	The OT	Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	Amer Dad	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
		-	388	61	PBS	The Lawrence Welk Show		Nature (N) (DVS)		Masterpiece Contemporary "Collision" (N) (DVS)				Independent
	news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Union
	sports	405	417	22	net	NFL Football	Sportsnet Connected		UFC: Access	UFC 105 Countdown				Sportsnet
		400	400	30	TSN	CFL Football	Football	(8:15) NFL Football New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts. (HDTV) (Live)						
	family	551	542	25	YTV	(6) *Charlotte's Web*		OddParents	Family Biz	Smallville "Bloodline"		Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
		554	544	45	TEL	Stoked	Total Drama	Majority	6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	Bromwell	Rick & Steve	John
		556	540	51	FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*The Bridges of Madison County* (1995, Romance)				*Read It-Weep*
	cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami
		575	583	38	CMT	Karaoke Star "Saskatoon"		Funniest Home Videos		Wilsons	Wilsons	Cheer Moms	Cheer Moms	Tuckerville
		616	521	39	SHO	ReGenesis (HDTV)		*Ice Blues* (2008, Mystery) Chad Allen.				Weeds	Foundatn	Kenny
		294	529	47	TBS	*The Negotiator* ★★★ (1998, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey.						*The Negotiator* (1998, Suspense)		
		581	566	52	MTV	Cribs	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Real World-Road Rules		OverBolts
		603	561	56	FOOD	Challenge		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant
		300	601	301	M1	(7:15) *Finn on the Fly* (2008, Comedy)				Dexter "Slack Tide"		Dexter "Road Kill" (N)		Dexter

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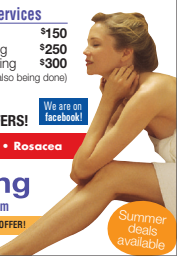

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Flare senior market director Tammy Palmer with husband Andrew McTavish.

Flare fashion director Liz Cabral.

Flare publisher and vice president Kerry Mitchell, left, and editor-in-chief Lisa Tant.

FLARE MAGAZINE marked its 30th year in the publishing industry in true gala chic at the Royal Ontario Museum. Models footed the red carpet with grace and glamour, while invitees, including media notables and celebs, worked the cocktail room. However, it was at the end of the night that the near capacity crowd were treated to an environment–friendly goodie bag that left you wondering when the next party would be. Congratulations Flare!

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Singer Amanda Wilkinson.

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Lou Dobbs announces departure from CNN, destination unknown

CNN host Lou Dobbs began his news and commentary show tonight with the announcement that he's leaving the news network. Dobbs did not say where he plans to go after he completes nearly 30 years at CNN. EW.COM

Going Out

Mix of Six

No Exit

When: Nov. 11-21
Where: Buddies in Bad Times Theatre

Director Kim Collier revives Jean-Paul Sartre's existential classic with a contemporary twist. Times vary. 416-955-0101.

7 Stories

When: To Dec. 5
Where: Bluma Appel Theatre

The award-winning Canadian play returns to Toronto. 416-368-3110.

The Edible City: Toronto's Food from Farm to Fork

When: Sunday
Where: Gladstone Hotel Ballroom

Coach House's latest anthology about Toronto launches.

Young Galaxy

When: Friday, 10 p.m.
Where: Horseshoe Tavern, 370 Queen St. W.

With dewy, early morning songs like Light Years and PathosFans of the Montreal quartet will have something fresh and sweet to wake up to when night falls. $10

Skratch Bastid

When: Saturday 10 p.m.
Where: Revival, 783 College St.

He's rocked a million parties before, but new Torontonian Skratch Bastid's Scratch, Scratch, Scratch! is something special. With Scratch from The Roots beatboxing and DJs Bastid and Starting From Scratch, plus visuals by MixMotion. $10.

Dirty Projectors

When: Friday, 10 p.m.
Where: Opera House, 735 Queen St. E.

After their dark breakout hit with their sort-of Black Flag covers album,Rise Above, Dirty Projectors, cleaned up their sound on last summer's release, Bitte Orca.

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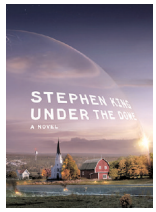
Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Under the Dome: Stephen King

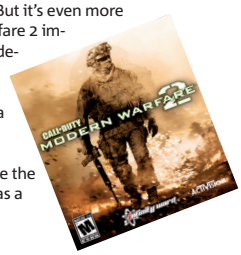


BOOK The master of horror weaves political allegory into his latest offering — a whopping 1,072-page rewrite of a novel King attempted to pen twice in the '70s and '80s. This time, the thrills are set in Chester's Mill, Maine, which suddenly finds itself surrounded by an invisible but impermeable barrier.

2 Pirate Radio

FILM When the British government stole rock 'n' roll from '60s kids by banning songs on radio, renegade DJs on floating vessels snatched it right back by airing the music on contraband stations. Richard Curtis' new comedy tells the story of these offshore AM firebrands. On board: Phillip Seymour Hoffman (remember his turn as rock journalist Lester Bangs in Almost Famous?), Bill Nighy and a riotous soundtrack. You can't sink this.

3 Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2



GAME Any war game would be a fitting release during Remembrance Week. But it's even more apt since Modern Warfare 2 immerses gamers into a detailed, exhilarating world of combat that doesn't hide its horrors. Already a massive hit in its work of release, the title has also generated some controversy around a scene where the chief character goes undercover as a terrorist and kills civilians.

4 Star Trek

DVD There have been bigger moneymakers this summer, but none deserved more popcorn-munching than this franchise reboot. The casting was bang-on, the script was intelligent — heck, even Leonard Nimoy was back. But will it deliver on the small screen? You be the judge.

5 Them Crooked Vultures: Them Crooked Vultures

ALBUM This might just be a "fun" project for those involved but to the rock fan, they are the Supergroup of the Year. The Vultures comprise Dave Grohl (of The Foo Fighters), Josh Homme (of Queens of the Stone Age) and — hold your breath — former Led Zeppelin bassist John Paul Jones. Monster riffs and snaking grooves are headed your way.

6 The Prisoner

TV Roll over HBO. AMC is ready to take over the world of cable channels. Hot on the heels of the Mad Men season finale comes this three-part series — a re-imagining of the '60s classic. Critics can't seem to find enough praise for the drama, starring Jim Caviezel and Ian McKellen. The Prisoner airs Sunday through Tuesday at 8 p.m. EST

7 Linden MacIntyre

AUTHOR The CBC journalist won Canada's top literary prize this week for his second novel The Bishop's Man. MacIntyre, who is best known for his work with the The Fifth Estate, beat out Kim Echlin, Annabel Lyon, Colin McAdam and Anne Michaels to take home the $50,000 Giller Prize.

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Funny gets serious

Martin visits Toronto to launch Canadian Children's Book Week

Andrea Martin may be one of the funniest women in the world, but there's something she's very serious about and that's reading.

"I used to read to my kids all the time when they were little, I've got a pile of books by my bed, I've read books on tape: they're a major part of my life."

So it only makes sense that the former SCTV star returns to Toronto this weekend to launch TD Canadian Children's Book Week.

She will give a one-time reading of Mordecai Richler's Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang, at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, this Saturday at 2 p.m.

"I honestly believe that reading to your children is one of the best experiences you can offer them," she says on the phone from her Manhattan home.

"They think it's so special because you're sharing something with them, and you love it because you know those years go by so quickly and soon they'll be heading off on their own."

Her sons, Jack and Joe, are now 28 and 26, but she still can recall with delight the stories she used to read them when they were younger.

"Let's see, there were all of Shel Silverstein's books — I still think I've got The Giving Tree! And then there was Make Way for Ducklings and all the George and Martha series."

She snorts with a sound that any fan of Edith Prickley would recognize. "Years later Nathan Lane and I did the voices for the cartoon series and we had such a wonderful time."

Martin admits that actors, especially comedians, have to be careful not to overdo things when reading stories to children.

"When my kids were little, I had them enrolled in a private school in Los Angeles, and Meryl Streep and Dustin Hoffman had children there, too. All three of us had to read to them. I have to confess I felt competitive with Meryl and did far too many characters and dialects to keep up with her."

Nowadays, Martin reads for her own pleasure and the eclectic variety of the books she keeps stacked by her bedside is a good indication of the delightfully random way her mind works.

"I'm about to start The Humbling by Philip Roth. The last one I read was Julia Child's My Life in France and I'm also working through Ruth Gordon's autobiography, An Open Book."

Next on Martin's agenda is the 50th-anniversary celebrations for Second City in Chicago, taking place on Dec. 11 and 12, which will give an entire night over to an SCTV reunion, featuring Martin Short, Catherine O'Hara, Joe Flaherty, Eugene Levy, Dave Thomas and Harold Ramis and, of course, Martin. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Former SCTV star Andrea Martin will give a one-time reading of Mordecai Richler's Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang at the TD Canadian Children's Book Week.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring the Rockettes begins next Monday. Tickets range from $48 to $57 at Ticketmaster.

The Rockettes kick new holiday show into full gear

PERFORMANCE ARTS Keltie Colleen gets her kicks from being a Radio City Rockette.

The Sherwood Park, Alta., native is one of 18 glittering, high-stepping Rockettes coming to Toronto's Air Canada Centre for five shows beginning Monday and she couldn't be happier.

The Rockettes perform next week at the Air Canada Centre

"For me, to be performing in Canada for the first time with the Rockettes is an absolute thrill," Colleen said.

The last time the Rockettes came to town was in 2006, performing a "theatrical" version of New York City's famous Radio City Rockettes Christmas Show, playing at the Hummingbird (now Sony) Centre.

In 2007, the show — to mark the 75th anniversary — underwent a major retooling and technology upgrade, allowing it to play at much larger venues, like the Air Canada Centre.

The new version is now unofficially called the "arena" show and it features an 18-by-12-metre LED screen, which adds a new visual dimension to the program, said Jeff Capitola, vice-president of touring productions for Madison Square Garden and the show's producer.

Far from being "stuffy" with tradition, Colleen called the revamped show "fresh, young and beautiful."

Capitola said new numbers include a full-scale double-decker bus carrying the Rockettes. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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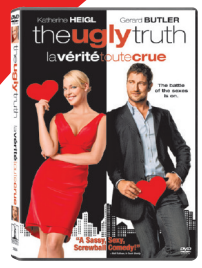

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'Tis the season for the end of the world

It's the end of the world as we know it, and Hollywood feels fine.

Global warming, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, continuing terrorist threats and the economic meltdown have people in a gloomy, even end-of-days frame of mind. Filmmakers are tapping into worries about humanity's future with apocalyptic sagas such as 2012, The Road and The Book of Eli, along with documentaries about environmental or economic doom.

End-of-the-world stories have been a cinema subgenre since the early Cold War days with such nuclear-war movies as On the Beach, Fail-Safe and Dr. Strangelove. The advent of environmentalism and overpopulation concerns resulted in another wave of films depicting bleak futures, among them Soylent Green, Silent Running and The Omega Man.

"We always need a boogeyman, we always need the end of the world," said Terry Gilliam, whose films include 1995's Twelve Monkeys, about a world where plague has wiped out most of humanity. "I think it's the problem of being in a Christian society. It's based on it. If you don't have the end of the world, you don't get heaven and eternity."

Viggo Mortensen stars in The Road, one of a few apocalyptic movies coming out this year.

On the heels of Al Gore's global-warming alarm An Inconvenient Truth, doomsday is an especially fertile subject today, and current tales of the apocalypse take many forms:

- Plagues of vampires with Ethan Hawke's upcoming Daybreakers and zombies with the horror comedy Zombieland and George Romero's Survival of the Dead.
- Economic calamity with the documentary Collapse, a portrait of a pessimist convinced industrial civilization is poised to crumble.
- Environmental catastrophe with the part-fiction, part-fact The Age of Stupid, about a mid-21st century archivist looking back on our times from a world ravaged by global warming.
- Devastating warfare between humans and machines with the sci-fi sequel Terminator Salvation and the animated adventure 9.

"The big difference now is it's multiple things," said John Hillcoat, director of The Road, opening Nov. 25 and starring Viggo Mortensen in an adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's novel about a father and son trekking across a decimated America.

The Cold War "was all about Russia and America and the nuclear threat, but now it's on so many levels. The environment, there's still the nuclear threat in a way that's more viable with rogue terrorists, and there's kind of the economic thing," Hillcoat said. "Also a decade I think of the Bush administration is enough for anyone to seriously contemplate it on a daily basis."

Denzel Washington's The Book of Eli, opening Jan. 15, also is a post-apocalyptic road trip across America.

In theatres Friday, 2012, starring John Cusack, is the latest disaster story from director Roland Emmerich. In 2012 the Earth's crust shifting and tumbling into the oceans after solar neutrinos heat up the planet's core.

Whatever our fate, Hollywood can give audiences a cheap taste of doomsday. "In disaster movies," Cusack said, "you can get that without having to have a real disaster." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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50 Cent returns to his roots with new album

Rapper 50 Cent had his first major hit seven years ago with In Da Club, in which the kevlar-clad New York rapper memorably mumbled: "You can find me in the club, bottle full of bub."

Lately? You might be more likely to find 50 Cent in his trailer or at craft services.

Yep, 50 has gone Hollywood, with more than a half-dozen acting roles currently at various stages of production. Even his new album, Before I Self-Destruct, will hit stores on Monday bundled with a feature-length film that 50 wrote, produced and directed.

With the music industry hobbled, does 50 Cent foresee a time when he might leave rapping behind for a full-time film career?

"As much as I'd like to tell you that, I still have a passion for music that still makes music number one to me," he told The Canadian Press over the telephone from Los Angeles.

And yet while he would seem to be moving farther away from his roots, 50 insists that Before I Self-Destruct is a return to the form of his 2003 major-label debut, Get Rich or Die Tryin.

At that time, 50 Cent stormed the scene riding a wave of mix-tape buzz and endorsements from industry giants Eminem and Dr. Dre.

His stark, violent lyrics and personal backstory (he's been shot nine times!) didn't win him many fans among parents, but his mush-mouthed flow, surprising way with a catchy hook and club-crumbling beats won over millions of record-buyers: the album was certified platinum six times in both Canada and the United States.

Before I Self-Destruct features 50 sounding as hard as he has in years. Though the album lets up a little in the second half, Before I Self-Destruct is as advertised: 50 at his most gritty and bleak. Even the cover features the rapper with charred, burning flesh spreading across his scowling face.

"(With) Get Rich or Die Trying, what translated most was the aggression," he points out. "Because people still to this day come around and say: 'Wow, he's not what I thought he was going to be.'

"And I say, 'What, you thought I was going to kill you?'"

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Sony Pictures says Michael Jackson's This Is It has passed the US$200-million mark at the box office worldwide. The film has pulled in $61 million domestically in the U.S. and more than $140 million overseas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Correction

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Cubicle and con worlds collide in the new series

A hoodlum hassle for authorities in Hamilton, Ont., is a gangster gold mine for TV writer-producer Malcolm MacRury, creator of the new Canadian series Cra$h & Burn.

"As it turns out, the Russian conman world that I'd found in Brighton Beach (N.Y.), well, to our delight has spread here."
Cra$h and Burn creator Malcolm MacRury

Debuting next Wednesday, the Showcase offering follows Jimmy Burn (Luke Kirby), a claims adjuster caught between a cutthroat insurance corporation and mobsters scamming the system in southwestern Ontario.

MacRury says he originally developed the story several years ago as a series for HBO that was set in, and inspired by real insurance-crookster headlines from Brooklyn, N.Y.

When that series failed to make it to air, he pitched the same idea to Showcase when it was looking for an original one-hour Canadian series — and he didn't have to search far for a real homegrown hook.

"As it turns out, the Russian conman world that I'd found in Brighton Beach (N.Y.), well, to our delight has spread here," MacRury said recently during an interview on one of the sets in Mississauga, Ont.

"So after what they called the BORIS bust ... which stands for Big Organized Russian Insurance Scam, the laws tightened up in New Jersey and New York and the greener pastures of Hamilton, Toronto and so on beckoned.

"That's because we have the same no-fault laws that a conman can manipulate ... and make a lot of money."

Hamilton-born Kirby was actually living in Brooklyn when he received the script for the show's pilot but wasn't previously aware of the organized insurance crimes happening in either city.

"I don't know too much about the reality of that and I wouldn't deign to guess — (and) if I did know would I say anything," the curly-haired brunette said with a smirk during a break from shooting.

Each episode of Cra$h & Burn starts off with an automobile crash and features a fake commercial for Protected Insurance as well as a motley crew of comical claimants, wiseguys and quirky office workers.

"I describe it as putting together the world of The Office and the world of The Sopranos in one show," said MacRury.

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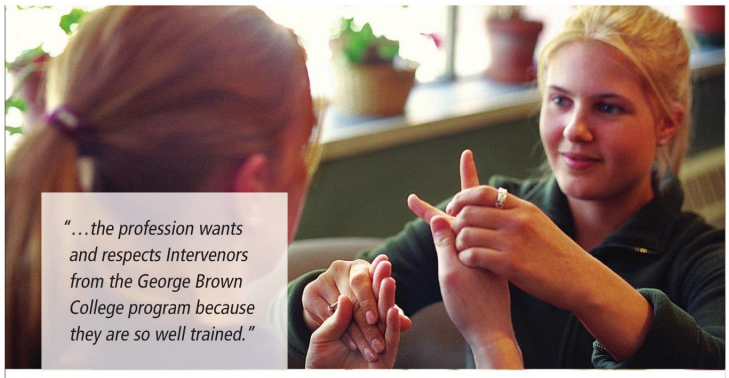

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Anything to keep distinguishing herself from Jessica

Things are getting dark for Ashlee Simpson-Wentz. The 25-year-old —who is set to play Roxie Hart in the Broadway production of Chicago for six weeks starting in December — has dyed her hair black. USMAGAZINE.COM

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Disney's new princess creates buzz

But first African-American heroine 'no big deal' for their Obama-era girls

Holly Price Alford is over the moon about Disney's first black princess. Her eight-year-old daughter is, too, but not because the princess is black.

"She understands that this is a princess who is African-American," said Alford, who is black and lives in Meadowbrook, Va. "But do I think it's a big deal to her? No."

Princess Tiana debuts in The Princess and the Frog in New York and Los Angeles on Nov. 25 and in wider release Dec. 11, and grown-ups have certainly been buzzing.

But for many little black girls growing up with Malia and Sasha Obama in the White House, the historic nature of Tiana's debut in Disney's mostly white princess lineup doesn't quite seem to register.

Girls of all races have already caught princess fever, and young black girls embrace the white stars of Hannah Montana, the Jonas Brothers and High School Musical without worrying about race.

But some of their moms are making sure their daughters understand the significance of the princess with her brown doe eyes, fuller lips and elegant tiara.

Erica Branch-Ridley of West Orange, N.J., said her seven- and 11-year-old daughters were excited about a new princess, but the younger one didn't really understand the importance.

"She sees Obama, the first girls, she's like, 'that's nice,'" said Branch-Ridley, broadband supervising producer for the TV program "The Electric Company."

Branch-Ridley showed the girls pictures, and her younger daughter now wants to dress up as Tiana for Halloween next year.

"I want them to understand how important it is, not only from the perspective of a new Disney movie and a new princess, but how historical it is that we have this," she said. The movie has not been without controversy — it's been criticized because the prince is not black and because Tiana is a frog for much of the movie, among other things.

But little girls are simply excited about the story, said Alford.

"She's another princess," she said. "In the end, if she gets to kiss the prince, that's all that matters."

Disney has expanded its princess lineup in recent years to include multicultural princesses Mulan, Pocahontas and Jasmine, but Tiana is the first black princess — and the first princess of any colour in more than 10 years.

Little girls don't see colour distinctions as much as older girls, said Charlotte Reznick, a child educational psychologist and author of The Power of Your Child's Imagination.

But she said Tiana will register on some level with little black girls and boost their sense of themselves even if it's subtle.

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Fake news costs Universal $20G

Universal Pictures has agreed to pay $20,000 to the Alaska Press Club to settle complaints about fake news archives used to promote the movie The Fourth Kind, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported.

The Anchorage lawyer who negotiated the settlement for the Fairbanks paper and six other media outlets, John McKay, said the fake online stories undermined the credibility of the news organizations in the northern state.

Universal created a series of fabricated online news articles to publicize the movie about a purported plague of alien abductions in Nome a decade ago.

The articles posted appeared to be from real Alaska publications.

The articles included a fake obituary and news story about the death of a character in the movie, Dr. William Tyler, that supposedly were from the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

The settlement also requires Universal to remove the fake news articles from the Internet.

McKay said it didn't appear that the advertising campaign was cleared by Universal's attorneys, and he praised the company for responding to the complaints.

The Alaska Press Club wasn't part of the complaint but McKay suggested it receive settlement money as a compromise that would benefit Alaska journalism.

Messages left Thursday with two spokeswomen for Universal were not immediately returned.

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What's new in Waikiki

DAWNA L. ROBERTSON
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If you haven't visited Waikiki in awhile, you'll be in for a pleasant surprise when you do.

This iconic Hawaii destination, which is a Honolulu neighbourhood, has gone through a major renaissance over the past few years, enhancing everything from accommodations to shopping and dining.

Making perhaps the greatest retail splash, the Waikiki Beach Walk has stepped onto the stage with a collection of eateries, shops and upgraded Outrigger Hotels & Resorts properties.

There's even a new Embassy Suites Waikiki, with the upscale Trump Waikiki Hotel opening in mid-November.

Also adding to the revived retail mix is the Royal Hawaiian Center, revamping a former concrete fortress into a pleasant shopping and dining venue that's home to the Royal Grove — Waikiki's largest garden area that's tucked on the grounds of the center fronting the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

One of those newbies generating the biggest buzz amid this mix of fresh faces is the $21 million US renovation of the OHANA Waikiki Beachcomber and the grand opening of its colourful Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber, a new dining, entertainment and retail venue that's Hawaii's first Jimmy Buffett eatery.

This new gathering place for Parrotheads and those who simply seek good food, libations and fun occupies a prominent location on Kalakaua Avenue above Macy's in the OHANA Waikiki Beachcomber's lobby level. It's a lively celebration of Jimmy's adventurous lifestyle and the natural wonders of Hawaii where you can dine or enjoy your favorite beverage on an open-air lanai or within one of the extraordinary island atmospheres created throughout the facility.

Specialities include Calypso Mahi Mahi, Big Island Vegetable Stir Fry, Bayou Shrimp Pasta, Coconut Shrimp, Jerk Salmon and assorted savoury sandwiches. And naturally, since it's in paradise, Jimmy offers his signature cheeseburger — a food icon in itself.

As for decor, the restaurant is visit worthy even if you're between meals.

Unique technology allows for beautiful sunsets, crashing waves and majestic mountains to blend seamlessly with the Hot Spot Bar (dramatically honouring the molten lava formation of the islands); the Ocean Waves Dining Booths (inspired by the towering waves found on Oahu's North Shore); and the music of Jimmy Buffett and the Islands.

Buffet has commented that from the first time he caught a wave at Canoes on Waikiki, he began to figure out how he could become more deeply linked with this destination.

"I have had a long love affair with Hawaii and her people," he said. "Mark Twain called these 'the loveliest fleet of islands anchored in any ocean' and I couldn't agree more. I have written many stories and songs inspired by my time in Hawaii and can't wait to see what the future holds in the land that is so far but yet so near."

The icing on the Buffett cake is the Honolulu Surfing Museum, an interactive immersion into surfing culture. The museum's collection of unique artifacts, displays and experiences celebrates Hawaiian heritage and the ever-evolving sport of surfing.

Good to know

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- Waikiki Beach Walk: waikikibeachwalk.com
- Outrigger Hotels & Resorts: outrigger.com
- Embassy Suites Waikiki: embassysuiteswaikiki.com
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A view of Waikiki, an area of Honolulu.

Baby boy for Jensen
It's a boy for Ashley Jensen and her husband, actor Terence Beesley. The Accidentally on Purpose actress welcomed son Francis Jonathan Beesley on Oct. 20, her rep confirms to People. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Jon and I don't deserve bad press: Levi

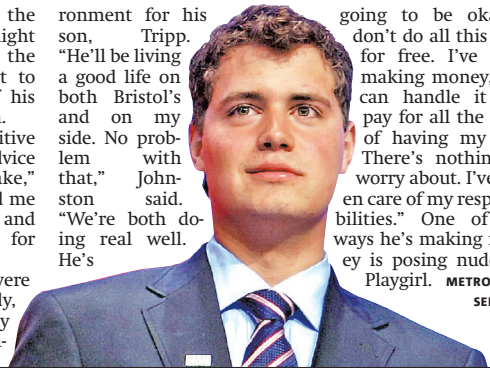
BUT NEITHER OF YOU WILL WIN DADDY OF THE YEAR Levi Johnston says he has a lot in common with Jon Gosselin.

"He's a good guy," Johnston told People. "He's kind of in the same situation I am right now. He's a good dad and he gets a lot of bad press. He's getting the same bad image as I am and it ain't true. I can relate to that."

Johnston, 19, who met Gosselin in New York on Nov. 8, even received some parenting tips from the dad of eight, which might come in handy if the Alaskan wins his suit to gain joint custody of his child with Bristol Palin.

"He was very positive and gave some good advice that I'm going to take," Johnston said. "He told me kids are number one and do anything you can for them."

Johnston says if he were granted joint custody, he'd create a healthy and normal home environment for his son, Tripp. "He'll be living a good life on both Bristol's and on my side. No problem with that," Johnston said. "We're both doing real well. He's going to be okay. I don't do all this stuff for free. I've been making money, so I can handle it and pay for all the costs of having my son. There's nothing to worry about. I've taken care of my responsibilities." One of the ways he's making money is posing nude for Playgirl. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Celebrity tweets

Kim Kardashian wants your sympathy because she has a cold, Kareem Abdul Jabar doesn't want your sympathy even though he has leukemia and Kirstie Alley loses it.

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I really don't feel like it at all...but I am going to the gym for a workout. It's so hard to work out when u are sick!

• @kaj33
I know alot of you are concerned for me and I want to assure I intend to stay healthy and fight this and that I am in remission.

• @kirstiealley
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Sharon's sorry for picking on Susan

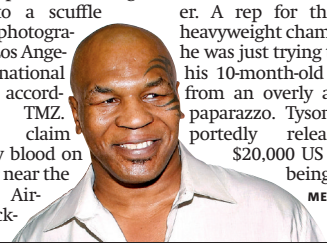
IT'S NOT LIKE SHARON'S A SUPERMODEL EITHER Sharon Osbourne has taken to her Twitter account to apologize for saying Britain's Got Talent sensation Susan Boyle was hit with "the ugly stick."

While stopping by a radio show last month, Osbourne was asked about Boyle and commented, "You just want to say God bless and here's a Gillette razor."

But now she's changed her tune, posting, "Susan Boyle is a lovely gracious woman and I took advantage of that by poking fun at her. I would never want to be responsible for hurting Susan and I must apologize for getting a cheap laugh at her expense." METRO WORLD NEWS

Tyson arrested after scuffle

MAYBE IT'S US, BUT SCUFFLING WITH MIKE TYSON DOESN'T SOUND TOO SMART Mike Tyson found himself in the back of a police car after getting into a scuffle with a photographer at Los Angeles International Airport, according to TMZ. Sources claim they saw blood on the floor near the United Airlines ticket counter where the scuffle took place. Police tell the site that both Tyson and the photographer performed citizen's arrests on each other. A rep for the former heavyweight champion says he was just trying to protect his 10-month-old daughter from an overly aggressive paparazzo. Tyson was reportedly released on $20,000 US bail after being booked. METRO WORLD NEWS



Ungaro brands Lindsay's collection a 'disaster'

OUCH! Lindsay Lohan received a lot of criticism for her the collection she curated last month for fashion house Ungaro, but this has got to hurt the most. The house's founder, Emanuel Ungaro, has spoken out, saying the collection "was a disaster," according to Agence French Presse. "I'm furious but there isn't a thing I can do. I have absolutely no link with that house," said Ungaro, who sold his company to an investment firm in 2005. Ungaro said the house he founded is "well on its way to losing its soul." METRO WORLD NEWS

Jacko got scanned to build a virtual clone of himself

YOU'RE NOT ALL THAT SURPRISED, ARE YOU? Michael Jackson wanted to build a clone of himself, female-first.co.uk reports.

The singer — who died of acute Propofol intoxication aged 50 in June — underwent several three-dimensional scans in 1996 so a virtual reality robotic twin could be produced. It is thought the scans could now be used to bring the singer back in pop videos, computer games or even films.

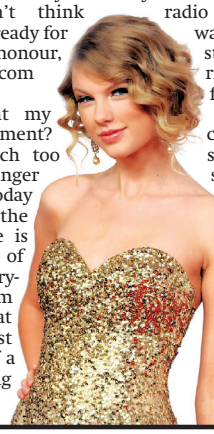
The anonymous U.S. businessman who owned the images and has reportedly been trying to sell them for $1 million US told Britain's Daily Star newspaper: "The data has been in our archives since he had the scans. The thing about this data is it immortalized him at the age of 37, before his nose was disfigured and when he was in the prime of his life." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Taylor Swift's success is 'too much too soon': Wynonna

COUNTRY CATFIGHT On Wednesday, Taylor Swift became the youngest artist ever to win the Country Music Association Awards' top honour: Entertainer of the Year. But Wynonna Judd doesn't think Swift, 19, is ready for such a top honour, usmagazine.com reports.

"You want my honest comment? It's too much too soon," the singer told USA Today before the show. "Time is God's way of keeping everything from happening at once. It's just too much of a good thing too soon."

Judd, 45, added: "My thing is, being a homeschool mom, I want kids to earn it, and I think some time ... 'cause mom and I rode in a car for the first year of our career to visit radio stations. There was a making of the star, there was a rising up, and the fans went with us. "Now it's over coffee breaks, the success, almost," she added. "You have to play catch up ... It's like the girl who wins an Oscar and she's under 20. What do you do from here?" METRO WORLD NEWS



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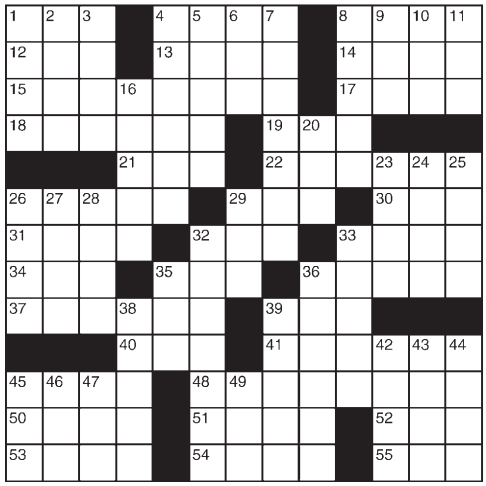

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Chargrilled Vegetable Feast

INGREDIENTS:

1 large zucchini, sliced into rings
1 eggplant, sliced into rings
1 red pepper, cut into wide strips
1 yellow pepper, cut into wide strips
1 red onion, cut into thin wedges
5 tbsp (75 ml) olive oil
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1/2 cup (125 ml) pine nuts or walnuts
14 oz (400 g) tagliatelle
4 tbsp (60 ml) pesto
7 oz (200 g) feta cheese, cubed

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to medium-high. Put vegetables in large bowl and drizzle with oil. Add garlic and season with pepper. Mix, then spread vegetables out in grill pan. Broil 20-25 minutes or until lightly charred, turning from time to time and removing vegetables that are cooked before rest.
2. While vegetables are cooking, put nuts in dry pan and toast over medium heat, tossing regularly, 2-3 minutes or until golden brown. Tip onto plate and set aside.
3. Towards end of broiling, cook pasta according to package instructions until al dente. Drain thoroughly and return to pot.
4. Add vegetables and pesto to pasta. Add feta cheese and nuts. Gently toss everything together and serve immediately.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may not want to cause a fuss but if you let others get away with things they don't deserve to get away with today you will regret it later.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The best way to deal with an emotional issue is to ignore it. According to your solar chart what you think is a problem is not a problem at all.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The Sun in the work and wellbeing area of your chart urges you to take things easy, but other aspects suggest you feel obliged to get certain tasks done.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Today's cosmic alignment could make you a bit too free and easy with your money. It's not often you go on a spree for the fun of it.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You'll feel a bit vulnerable today, thanks to cosmic activity in your chart, but that is not an excuse to retreat from the world.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
It's possible that your imagination will play tricks on you today and make you believe that certain things in your life are going wrong when they aren't.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You seem to believe that if you don't grab as much as you can of what's on offer today you will miss out and regret it.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may feel a bit out of sorts at the moment but you really have precious little to worry about or get worked up about.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You are not usually the cautious sort but for some reason you are reluctant to take risks, and that's good because you really don't need to.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Good news will come your way over the next 24 hours but you need to be on your guard because not everything you hear will be on the level.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It may be tempting to withhold your affections from someone who has offended you but will that really do any good?

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You need more laughs in your life, but from where? You cannot expect other people to make you feel good when your mood is low.

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